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DULLES EXPLAINS HOW PACT WILL WORK Consultative Body To Be Created

Washington, Apr. 23.
Mr John Foster Dulles, President Truman's special envoy, said in an interview published here today that the proposed defence pact between the United States, Australia and New Zealand contemplated the setting up of a consultative body on which the three countries would be represented.

Mr Dulles, in a copyrighted interview with the United States and World Report, an independent weekly news magazine, said that the organisation would "discuss security as a matter of common concern."

He said it was not contemplated that any American troops would be stationed in Australia or New Zealand because there were other places from which they could more effectively protect the two Dominions.

"The primary security value in the arrangement is that it makes clear that the deterrent striking power of the United States will be brought instantly into play if there should be an attack upon Australia or New Zealand," Mr Dulles said.

"That deterrent striking power, to be effective, does not have to be located in the particular area that you intend to provide security. It may be located anywhere."

Mr Dulles said he thought that the proposed treaty was a definite contribution to an early Japanese peace treaty because it should remove the fears of Australia and New Zealand about a re-armed Japan.

INTERLOCKING
Mr Dulles said that the contemplated pact with Japan and with Australia and New Zealand, and the existing agreement with the Philippines, would interlock "and might eventually be telescoped into one."

The Pacific policy outlined by President Truman would result in an American defended chain starting at the Aleutians, running through Japan and the Ryukyus, and down to the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand.

Mr Dulles said that while the arrangement was not as tight as the North Atlantic Treaty, it was a very substantial step toward a solid, mutually defended position on this off-shore island chain.

Mr Dulles said, "Nobody wants Japan again to be a great military nation."

He believed that way to assure that was to develop a concept of collective security.

Under this arrangement each nation would make some appropriate contribution to the total, but no one nation would have enough so that it alone could be an offensive menace to another.

Referring to differences with Britain over Formosa and the participation of Communist China in the Japanese peace treaty negotiations, Mr Dulles said he felt that the overriding importance of concluding an early treaty would compel both sides to accept the arrangement.

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The Arm Of The Law



The arm of the law weighs down on the head of a demonstrator who got a little too excited outside Old Bailey court, London, last week. He was one of a great crowd, mostly dockers, which massed outside the court for what was expected to be the last day of the trial of seven dockers accused of inciting strikers. The seven men were eventually released when the jury could not agree on a verdict.—AP Picture.

Meat-Hungry Britons Soon To Have Plenty

Buenos Aires, Apr. 23.
Thousands of tons of meat, including best quality chilled beef, will be on the way to Britain as soon as the result of a new Anglo-Argentine trade pact announced here today.

Mr John Edwards, Economic Secretary to the British Treasury, and the Argentine authorities announced conclusion of the agreement.

It was being initiated later today.

Neither side gave details but the Argentine State Radio, broadcasting what it called the main points of the agreement, said:

(1) Britain, during the next 12 months, will receive 200,000 tons of chilled and frozen meat, including offal, and 30,000 tons of tinned meat at prices ranging between £118 and £145 a ton.

(Argentine shipments were suspended last July when Argentina rejected a British offer of a price of £200.)

Britain will also buy any other meat Argentina has to offer during the next 12 months.

(2) Argentina will receive, among other goods, 4,000,000 tons of crude petroleum and fuel oil, 40,000 cubic metres of petroleum by-products, 500,000 tons of coal and 27,000 tons of tin-plate.

The new meat shipments compare with 300,000 tons annually provided for in the original five-year agreement of June, 1949. But the smaller quantity includes chilled beef, which Argentina has not sent Britain since 1939.

Today's pact was announced jointly by Mr Edwards and the negotiators today as a 12-month protocol to the 1949 agreement.

His financial provisions, according to the Argentine Radio, include arrangements for the transfer of accumulated profits and dividends according to Sterling investments in Argentina. Britain will pay Argentina £10,500,000 as a final settlement of Argentina's claims regarding her Sterling balances following devaluation of the Pound.

Argentina will also enjoy limited credit facilities and receive a lump sum of £6,250,000 to cover adjustments on prices of meat shipped from July 1, 1949, until shipments were suspended on July 21, 1950.

Both Governments undertake to give all possible facilities for the continuation of free trade.

Dr Roberto Azeiteiro, the Argentine Government's foreign minister, said the pact was a landmark in the history of Anglo-Argentine trade.

UN Troops Make A Methodical Withdrawal

CHINESE COMMUNISTS LOSE HEAVILY

Tokyo, Apr. 24.
United Nations troops methodically retired 15 miles to positions on the south bank of the Hantan River in West Central Korea yesterday (Monday) as the Chinese and Korean Reds pressed a heavy offensive.

At "undisclosed points on the 100-mile wide war front, withdrawals of six and more miles were made, all in orderly—and at some spots even leisurely—fashion."

"We did not lose a vehicle; we did not lose a gun," one Allied officer exulted.

"It was rough, but it was not too bad," one soldier said of the rearguard action that held the Reds off.

"I don't think they are going to get past us this time."

The deepest reported withdrawal was southward from positions the US Eighth Army had held last week before the big Red base of Chorwon, 18 miles inside North Korea.

A military source at Tokyo Headquarters gave the 15-mile and six-mile figures. Eighth Army Headquarters censors deleted mileage references from field dispatches, but sources there agreed the 15-mile figure was "realistic."

At some places the charging Reds were just south of the 38th Parallel, the old boundary of North and South Korea.

Thousands of Chinese and North Koreans fell before the Eighth Army infantry and under incessant Allied air strikes and thunderous artillery bombardments.

Those who fell were replaced by other thousands. At one place, blowing Reds, drawn from a 700,000 man force as the Communist drive rolled into its third day today (Tuesday), the Communists did not support their ground forces with air power, and there was a noticeable lack of Red tanks thus far.

Associated Press correspondent Robert Emsen reported from Eighth Army Headquarters that the Communists had crashed to the parallel at several points on the blazing Western and central sectors.

WELL PREPARED

However, he said the battle-wise Eighth Army was not threatened with annihilation as it had been when the Chinese plunged southward in the November and New Year's Eve offensives.

The Allies were well prepared to meet the present Communist assaults which began Sunday night after being expected for weeks. Emsen said in necessary force, the position to fall back all the way to the Han River to make a stand, he said.

The Han meanders across Central and Western Korea roughly 30 miles south of the Parallel.

Lieutenant-General James A. Van Fleet, Commander of the Eighth Army, reported in his regular headquarters communiqué last night that 2,095 Reds were killed or wounded on Sunday. Most of these apparently were casualties inflicted before the Reds jumped off Sunday night in their big spring drive.—Associated Press.

ROSES IN CAPS

With British Troops Somewhere in Korea, Apr. 23. Northumberland Fusiliers went into battle wearing red and white roses in their caps for St George's Day.

The Fusiliers figured in some of the hottest fighting of last night and today. They drove off attack after attack which the Communists supported with heavy and accurate mortar fire.

As the Chinese Communists swarmed toward them the Fusiliers shot them down by the hundreds.

One Fusilier, a veteran of the Western Desert, said, "It was worse than Alamein. They threw everything at us except dragons—but we could have even dealt with those this day of the year."

The Fusiliers, commanded by Colonel Kingsley Foster, after last night's hard fighting, this morning stuck in their camps fresh roses which had been flown over from Japan for the day. The anniversary of St George's Day.

But there was an angry force of Northumberlanders that pressed home a successful counter-attack during the day.

International Red Army In Manchuria, Report

Eleven Communist nations are reported to have contributed towards the formation of a Far East International Red Army based in Manchuria. Organised earlier this year, this new force is believed to be ready to take part in the fighting in Korea.

Lieut-General James Van Fleet, the new Commander of the US Eighth Army, is thought to have been referring to this new Red fighting force when he told correspondents at his first press conference on Sunday that he envisaged other "volunteers" joining the Chinese Communists and North Koreans in the latest offensive.

The new force appears to be the Communist equivalent of the combined armies of the United Nations. Reporting its formation the Hongkong Chinese weekly, Sinwen Tien (News World), said it is made up of Chinese, Russians, No 10 Koreans, Outer Mongolians, Poles, Hungarians, Czechs, Lithuanians, Latvians and Estonians, as well as Japanese soldiers taken prisoner by the Russians at the end of World War II.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Marshal Kurenkov, who formally assumed command on February 28 and set up his general headquarters in Mukden. His two deputies are a Russian, Lieut-General Kerevanko, and a Chinese, General Peng Teh-huei, who is deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese Red Army.

General Lin Piao, commander of the Chinese Communist 4th Field Army, is reported as having been assigned the role of chief field commander in Korea.

The strength of the Far East International Red Army is reported to consist of 12 Chinese armies, three North Korean army groups and about 30,000 Japanese, making a total of well over a half million men. Four Russian divisions form the reserve, it is said, while other Iron Curtain nationals reported to be included in the force are employed in armoured units, cavalry, artillery and other supporting services.

AIR FORCE

Marshal Kurenkov's command, it is reported, also extends over an air force comprising five air groups, including a group of jet planes manned exclusively by Russians, and a navy consisting of one cruiser, three destroyers, 80 submarines and about 80 other ships of various types.

It is reported that the formation of the Far East International Red Army followed a series of conferences held between September last year and February this year. "Strong Chinese objections were said to have been raised against the original Russian proposal that the force should come under the Soviet Far East Command in Siberia."

The report states that when the force was formed, it was said to be a "new type of force" which would be "a real international force" and "a real fighting force."

What The Latest A-Bomb Looks Like

New York, Apr. 23.
The 1951 atom bomb model resembles a big hot-water tank with a rounded nose, the Look magazine said today in a copy righted article.

The illustrated article said, "A completely assembled bomb is an ugly thing like nothing else on earth. Men in the bombardment squadron call it 'the thing' or 'the panic,' the 'ostrich egg' or just 'the bomb.' They can drop it with astonishing accuracy."

The current version of the bomb, the story said, is about 20 feet long, nine or 10 feet in diameter, weighs 10,000 pounds and can be set to explode 40 seconds after it is dropped from a bomber.

The articles said the butt of the bomb tapers but ends in a flat disc surrounded by fins. A cylinder, no bigger than "your grandmother's umbrella stand," is attached to the flat butt. It is this which holds split-second explosion times.

The Magazine quoted Major General Roscoe Wilson, deputy Chief of Staff on Operations for atomic energy: "I believe it is high time that some of the ridiculous stories circulated about the A-bomb be killed. I've even heard that hundreds of thousands of American people fearfully believe that an enemy agent could board a Hoboken ferry toting the bomb in a zipper bag and blow Manhattan clear into Brooklyn."

The Atomic Energy Commission said in a statement today that the "writer of the article in the current issue of the Look Magazine did not see the actual atomic weapon and the Air Force has assured the Atomic Energy Commission that the writer did not see a representation of the atomic weapon."—United Press.

NEW ZEALAND EARTHQUAKE

Auckland, Apr. 23.
A series of earthquakes toppled chimneys and shook crockery off shelves in the Poverty Bay and Northern Hawkes Bay districts of New Zealand's North Island today.

The tremors lasted about two minutes at 7 p.m. (local time). There was an almost continuous swaying motion, which ended in a sharp jolt. Many people rushed from their homes into the streets.

Only slight tremors were felt at Auckland, and the centre of the disturbance was thought to be near Tikitiki and Taranaki, two small settlements in the East Cape region.

Three distinct shocks were felt in Whakatane (Bay of Plenty) but there were no reports of damage there.—Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Three Fronts In Asia

PREOCCUPATION with Korea has tended to obscure the fact that the battle against Communist expansion in Asia is being waged on two other fronts as well, in Indo-China and Malaya, and that these fronts are interdependent in so far as the Communists engaged on them are being supplied from the same sources—namely, Communist China and Soviet Russia. For that reason, success or failure of the resistance forces on one front is likely to produce a corresponding decrease or increase of Communist pressure on the other fronts. By the same token, all the resistance forces on all three fronts, whether they be the United Nations forces in Korea, or the French-Vietnamese forces in Indo-China, or the British forces in Malaya, are in effect fighting the same fight and thereby helping one another. This interrelationship is clearly illustrated by the course of events in Indo-China and Korea. At the time when the North Korean Communists alone were still able to confine the United Nations forces within a small perimeter at the southern tip of the peninsula, the Indo-Chinese Communists prepared and then launched, with the aid of the Chinese Communists, a major offensive which had an alarming initial success. Then, however, came the UN counter-offensive, beginning with the landing at Inchon, which doomed the North Koreans and apparently prompted the Chinese Communists to speed up

preparations for their later intervention. In consequence, their aid to the Indo-Chinese Communists began to decrease, the offensive of the latter began to slacken, and the threat of the Chinese Communist armies poised on the Indo-Chinese frontier began to fade. Now the tremendous Chinese Communist losses in Korea, together with the offensive spirit displayed by the new French commander, General de Latre; the increased American aid to his forces, and the United Nations offensive in Korea, seem to have persuaded Ho Chi-minh, the Indo-Chinese Communist chieftain, that he has little hope of major Chinese assistance, and accordingly he seems to be returning to guerilla warfare. Thus, while the shift of Peking's military effort toward Korea has complicated the task of the United Nations in that country, it has relieved other points of Communist pressure in Asia, where the fighting has gone on for a far longer period than in Korea. This suggests again that Chinese Communist resources are limited. It also suggests that any easing up of the free world's pressure on the Chinese Communists in one spot would only precipitate new Chinese Communist attacks in another spot. In these circumstances lies the justification of the United Nations effort to pin the Chinese Communists down in Korea until they are willing to talk real peace.

Something To Bear In Mind

SENATOR Magnuson has come to Hongkong, he says, to gather facts about our alleged trading in strategic materials with Communist China. We do not resent his presence, but we trust the Senator will approach his mission objectively and will not start off influenced and prejudiced by the many distorted and unrealistic reports which have appeared in the American press of recent months. The Senator will find there are many dependable sources of information in the Colony whose facts and figures can be accepted as authoritative. But while he is probing our trade contacts with the Chinese mainland, we would also commend to his attention the essential needs of

Hongkong, notably in the way of raw materials for our post-war industries. The American restrictions are doing far more injury to the Colony's internal economy than to any trade with China because our requirements are genuine. Senator Magnuson has the welfare of Chinese DFs at heart. He may be interested to know that our factories are creating employment for thousands of those DFs, and that their livelihood is now being gravely threatened by the American embargo. The Senator will be able to satisfy himself on this point during his investigations, and it is urged that he bears it in mind when he returns to the United States to make his report.

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GENERAL'S REVELATION:

MacARTHUR WAS GIVEN THE NEWS BY HIS WIFE

New York, Apr. 23.

Major-General Courtney Whitney, General MacArthur's secretary, said today that the General first learned of his dismissal from Mrs. MacArthur, who heard of it while listening to a radio broadcast from Los Angeles.

General Whitney said she informed General MacArthur of it 20 minutes before he received the news from Washington.

In an interview with reporters, General Whitney was also asked whether General MacArthur planned any farewell to his troops in the Far East. He said the General told him before leaving Tokyo: "The President has deprived me of that opportunity. I cannot address them as their commander."

General Whitney added General MacArthur said the same principle applied to saying farewell to the Japanese people, and he consequently left his post in silence.

He said: "General MacArthur had no opportunity even to transfer his command. He was dismissed from the moment he received the message from the President, and from that moment he no longer exercised authority. I think there is no precedent for this action in American history."

General Whitney said that in speaking of "no precedent," he was referring to "summary dismissal from command." He added: "A high British officer informed me in Tokyo that there was no such precedent in British history either."

Prior to his dismissal, General MacArthur had received not one single word from Washington with regard to his statement of March 24 or his reply to Representative (Joseph) Martin. No word was received from any source reflecting the sentiments of official Washington. Consequently he had every reason to believe that official Washington in no sense was inclined to deprecate or criticize his action in writing to Representative Martin or issuing his estimate of March 24.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

The General was keeping in close touch with the progress of the war through reading newspapers.

General Whitney had scheduled the Press conference to make public a telegram received by General MacArthur on Sunday night from President Syngman Rhee of the Republic of Korea, which said: "The Government and the people of the Republic of Korea join me in extending our spontaneous and whole-hearted congratulations to you on your magnificent address, delivered before the joint session of Congress. The magnificent spirit you demonstrated, and the unquestionable principles for which you stand have inspired us all and will carry us to final victory for the cause of freedom of mankind."

General Whitney said he would rather not comment specifically on Representative Richard Nixon's accusation that the Administration was starting a "smear campaign" against General MacArthur. He did not know whether the General had heard about Mr. Nixon's statement because he usually only reads the battle news. He added: "I don't think he has even read about his reception."

General MacArthur was keeping up his habit of pacing the floor as he reads mail and dictates messages.

General MacArthur had no further concrete plans after his visits to Chicago and Milwaukee on Thursday and Friday.

PUBLIC SUPPORT

About 10,000 telegrams were received by the General when he arrived here on Thursday night, and the flow was continuing unabated. The General was receiving 3,000 to 4,000 telephone calls daily. He had seen neither a letter nor a telegram which did not express complete support and approbation of the General's course. Asked whether General MacArthur would accept the \$100,000-per-year job with Remington Rand, Incorporated, General Whitney said he considered that a personal affair and he had no right to go into it. The General had had many offers and \$100,000 was not the top bid—not by any means.

General MacArthur had not been in touch with members of Congress since his address in Washington.

Asked whether General MacArthur considered war with Russia inevitable, General Whitney replied: "He has never so expressed himself."

Asked whether General MacArthur would be willing to go back to his job in the Far East, "President Truman," he said, "I don't know. The General's dismissal was a hypothetical question and he did not care to answer."

General MacArthur stuck to paper work in his heavily guarded hotel sanctuary.

GENERAL ON THE AIR WAR

Washington, Apr. 23.

Lieutenant-General George Stratemeier, U. S. Air Force Commander in Korea, said today that the United Nations forces could not stop a determined air offensive unless they could bomb enemy bases in Manchuria.

General Stratemeier, who is the Commander of the United States Air Forces in the Far East, said: "We are almost certain that the Reds are building up their air power in Manchuria and Northern China."

He was quoted in a copyrighted interview published by the United States News World Report, an independent weekly news magazine.

"You cannot stop a determined air offensive unless you can get at the facilities from which it originates. As you know, going north of the Yalu River into Manchuria is not permissible, and as a consequence our stopping of the attacks cannot be airtight. All we can do is to be as alert as possible, and try to out-guess them in the air if and when they come over."

General Stratemeier said that the United Nations forces at the moment "seem to be on something of a razor's edge. The enemy does have the capability of presenting us with a very serious air threat."

He added: "The enemy can hit me where I am based, but I cannot hit him. However, I am going to hit him in North Korea—any place that I can find him on the ground." —Reuter.

Concession Granted W. Germany

Bonn, Apr. 23.

The Western Allies today told West Germany that she could conduct research into certain types of atomic and jet physics.

The permission was announced in the Allied High Commission's official Gazette in a statement relaxing the ban on German scientific research in a number of non-military fields.

The relaxations allow German scientists to experiment in the separation of isotopes (the separation of certain uranium isotopes is an early stage of atomic bomb production) and to build heavy gas turbines for locomotives, or fixed turbines for power production.

German scientists may also start work on air flow, air conditioning, heat exchange, compressors and blowers, synthetic oils and rubbers, industrial explosives, shipbuilding and behaviour of ships, electromagnetic radiation and a variety of lesser fields, provided that the work is not of a military nature. —Reuter.

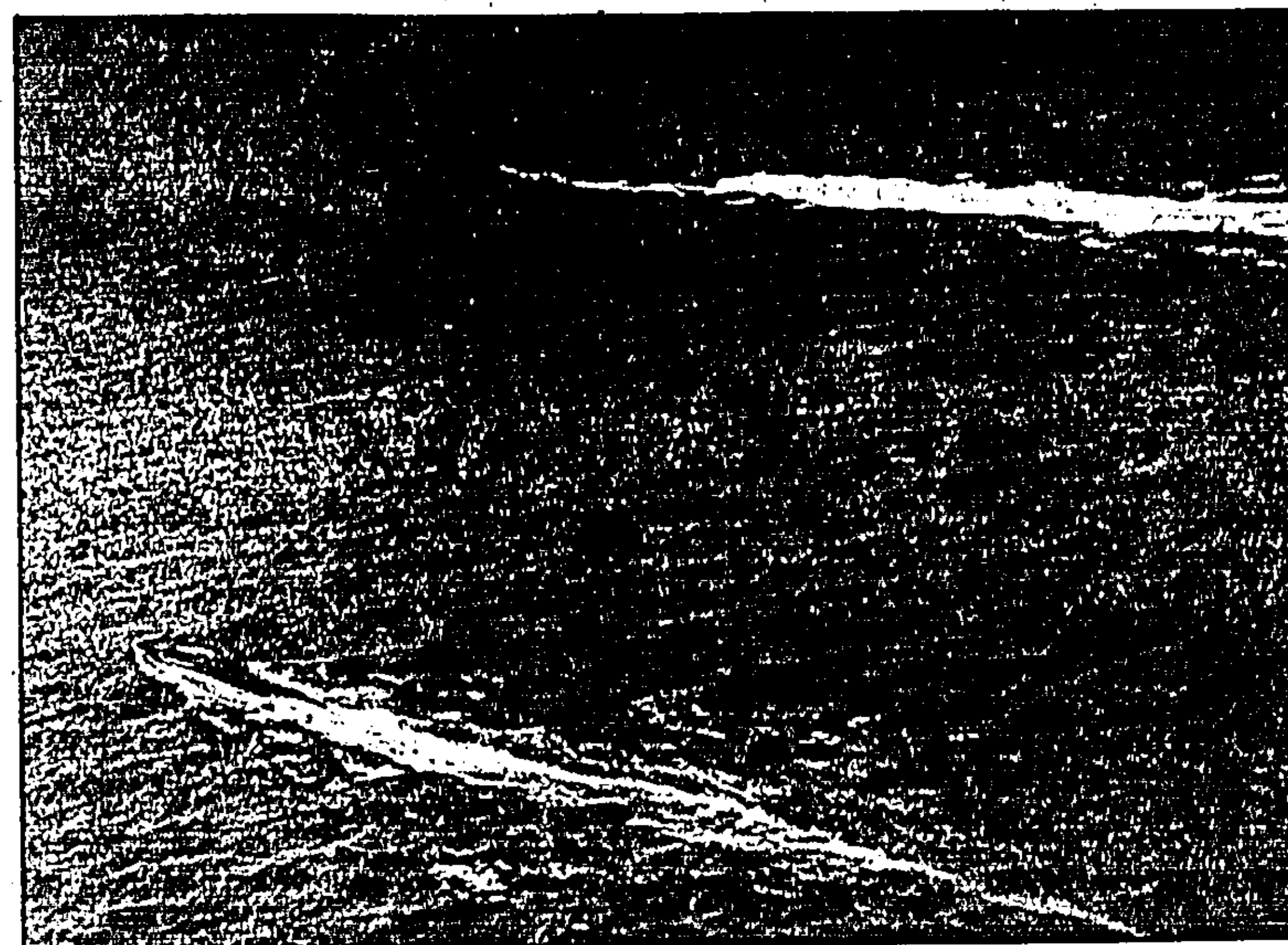
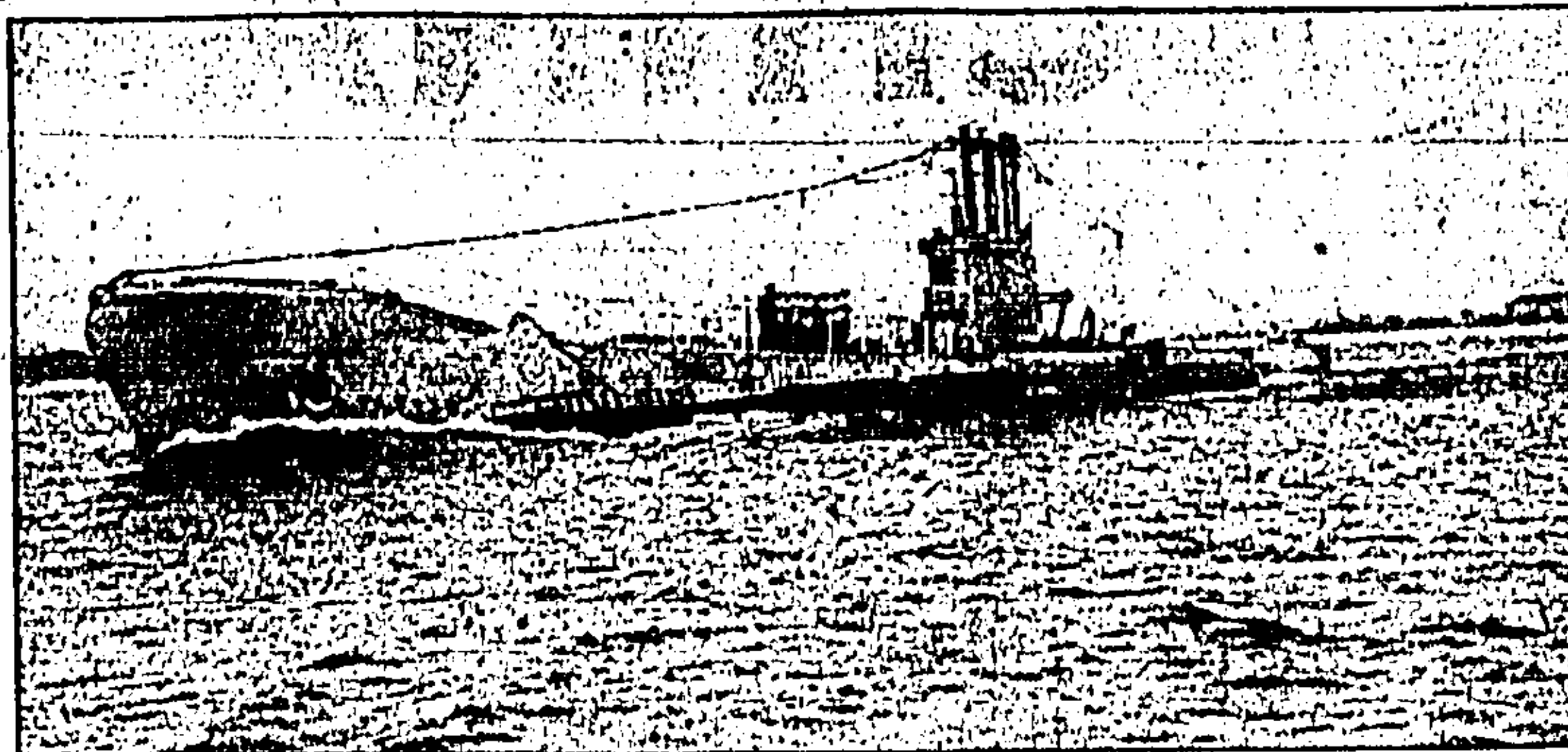
Debate Put Off

Cairo, Apr. 23.

The Egyptian Chamber of Deputies postponed until next week the debate on Anglo-Egyptian relations which was to have been held tonight. The debate will be raised on questions put by two Deputies on the current Anglo-Egyptian talks.

Egypt's latest views are due to be handed to Britain this week. —Associated Press.

CHANNEL SEARCH FOR MISSING SUBMARINE



Seventy-five men perished when the British submarine HMS Affray dived off the Isle of Wight and failed to surface and, despite one of the most widespread aerial and naval searches in history, no trace of the missing craft has yet been found. Top picture shows HMS Affray on trials and (below) a submarine and destroyer pictured at speed in the Channel during the fruitless search. —AP Pictures.

Gravest Protest By Israel

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 23.

Israel has lodged with the Belgian acting chief of the United Nations truce supervisory organisation, Colonel Bennett de Ridder, the gravest protest on record against the Syrian army which, the protest claimed, constructed positions and fortifications along the border, creating what was described as an intolerable situation.

The letter, cabled from Israeli army headquarters on Sunday to Colonel de Ridder, who has transferred his headquarters recently to Beirut, draws attention to "the recent complaint about Syrian forces entering the southern section of the demilitarised zone in the Huguib area."

The signatory of the letter, Colonel Saul Ramati, senior Israeli delegate on the mixed armistice commission, asserted the Syrian move followed the recruitment of some hundreds of refugees from Syrian camps. He said these were armed and trained by the Syrians on the border and put under the command of the Syrian delegate on the mixed armistice commission in use in action against or within the demilitarised zone. —United Press.

GENERAL TO BE RELEASED

Bonn, Apr. 23.

France today told the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, that former German General Bernhard Bancke would be released from prison this month.

A French Military Court last month sentenced Bancke to five years' hard labour on charges of being an accomplice to looting, fire-branding and murder when in command of the "Breit Pocket" during the final stages of the liberation of France. —Reuter.

New British Envoy

London, Apr. 23.

The Foreign Office tonight announced that Mr. Edwin Arthur Chapman Andrews had been appointed Minister to the Lebanon, replacing Sir William Houston Boswell, who will retire. —United Press.

South Africa Refuses To Be Involved

Capetown, Apr. 23.

The South African Defence Minister, Mr. F. C. Erasmus, said here today that South Africa did not want to become involved in a war against China.

He added in an interview: "If the war in Korea should spread or in the event of a world conflagration, the South African Air Force squadron in Korea will be brought back to the Union to be used on their own front or elsewhere in accordance with the Government's declared policy."

"The war in Korea must remain localised. Our men will remain in Korea as long as they are needed to fight the Communist aggression there." —Reuter.

Increased U.S. Aid To P.I. Urged

Washington, Apr. 23.

Mr. Paul McNutt, first Ambassador and last High Commissioner to the Philippines, today urged President Truman to speed up economic and military aid to the Philippines.

Mr. McNutt said, after a brief conference at the White House, that he would like to see the United States extend \$125,000,000 in economic aid to the young republic immediately. Taxation and minimum wage reforms were necessary but the United States should not wait for these to extend assistance to the Philippines.

"The United States must give continuing and generous support to these people during this trying period in history to restore the economic stability destroyed by war," he added.

He had told the President something should be done soon to bring the Bureau of Budget and ECA together on a general aid programme. "The longer they wait the more it will cost," he said. —United Press.

TRUMAN'S MAJORITY INCREASED

Lansing, Michigan, Apr. 23.

President Truman's majority in the United States Senate increased from two to four today by the appointment of a Democrat to succeed the late Republican Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg.

Mr. Mennen Williams, Governor of Michigan, today named 49-year-old Democrat Blair Moody, a journalist, to succeed Mr. Vandenberg as one of the two Senators for Michigan.

He is Michigan's first Democratic Senator since 1942. Under the Constitution of the United States, the Governor of a State appoints a successor for the remainder of the current term when a vacancy in the Senate occurs. Senator Vandenberg's term was due to expire in January, 1952. Mr. Moody will hold the seat for the Democrats until then, after which there will be an elected Senator.

Before Senator Vandenberg's death at Grand Rapids on Apr. 18, the Senate was made up of 49 Democrats and 47 Republicans. The House of Representatives margin is much wider — 38 (234 Democrats, 199 Republicans, one Independent, one seat vacant). —Reuter.

HUK KILLERS SLAIN

Manila, Apr. 24.

Three Communist Huk leaders believed to be members of the band which ambushed five American airmen on Saturday night have been killed by Government forces, the National Defence Department said.

The Huk leaders were slain last night in an encounter near Cabanatuan City with a special task force of army units sent to the field by Defence Secretary Ramon Magaysay.

Mr. Magaysay has established an advanced headquarters in the Cabanatuan area and remained there yesterday directing the pursuit.

Funeral services for the five Americans will be held tomorrow at Clark Air Force Base Headquarters of the U.S. 13th Air Force, of which they were members. —Associated Press.

Fate Of German Baroness

DISAPPEARS IN SOVIET ZONE

Berlin, Apr. 23.

American authorities today began investigating the disappearance of German Baroness Amelie von Thielmann, who vanished in the Soviet zone where she had gone to settle some property affairs.

The Baroness, a 52-year-old widow, left for Russian-zone Potsdam last Wednesday, her stepson, Gunther von Thielmann, reported.

He said she had a summons from the Soviet zone State of Brandenburg about a house she owns there.

"I can go to Potsdam, there is no danger for me," the Baroness was reported to have said.

Because she was in poor health, the stepson said, she took her maid along. When the two women failed to return, the family started fruitless inquiries of their own, and notified U.S. public safety officials.

The house involved is at Glienicke, a Berlin suburb in the Russian zone.

The Baroness' present home is in the American sector of Berlin.

U.S. officials here pointed out that the Baroness is a German citizen and that they have no way of forcing her release if her whereabouts become known.

West Berlin police contacted Communist People's police in East Berlin and were told the Reds would "look into the matter."

The Baroness' son-in-law is Mr. Theo Coleman, Press Facilities Officer in the U.S. High Commission at Frankfurt. —Associated Press.

Condemned Men Lose Appeal

Washington, Apr. 23.

The Supreme Court today rejected the appeal of seven Nazi war criminals who have been trying in United States courts to challenge their death sentences.

The decision, in the form of a brief order without an opinion, again heads the seven toward the gallows in Germany. Justices Hugo Black and William Douglas wanted the Court to grant a hearing. Justice Robert Jackson did not take part.

The men are former S.S. officers and concentration camp officials accused of the murder of thousands of civilians during World War II.

Originally scheduled to die on Feb. 13, they received an informal reprieve from the State Department while the Supreme Court considered their case. They lost in two lower Federal courts.

Graves have been dug twice in the cemetery of Landsberg prison, Bavaria, where the seven men are held.

Warren Magee, Washington attorney for the Nazis, argued they were no longer enemy aliens but working with the United States for the common defence of the Western nations. He said the new German constitution, which the Allies have accepted, outlaws capital punishment.

Mr. Magee contended the men did not get fair legal treatment by the military tribunals which tried them or by the lower Federal courts which rejected their appeals for habeas corpus. —United Press.

Luxury Cruisers Earn Dollars

Sydney, Apr. 23.

Luxury motor cruisers built to appeal to American millionaires and film stars are earning thousands of dollars for Australia.

Lars Halvorsen, a Sydney boat-building firm, has shipped the third cruiser to America. Forty-seven feet long, with sparkling chromium fittings throughout, hot and cold water showers, carpets and gas cooking facilities, the cruiser is expected to bring about US\$4,000 in San Francisco. A fourth is under construction. —Reuter.

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India Studying Japan Treaty

New Delhi, Apr. 23. India's views on the Japanese peace treaty are likely to be forwarded to the British and United States Governments later this week.

It was reported today that the Indian Government is examining the British and American drafts of the treaty, which it received recently.—Reuter.

Revision Of German Statute

TALKS TO START NEXT MONTH

Bonn, Apr. 23. The Allied-West German negotiation for a contractual agreement to replace the occupation statute will start in about three weeks' time, a high German source stated today.

On Feb. 27 the Allied High Commissioners sent a memorandum to the West German Government, listing 39 subjects on which an agreement would be negotiated.

Study groups have been working on these subjects on both the Allied and German sides for some weeks. Informal negotiations will start as soon as sufficient progress has been made.

From the German standpoint, the more important subjects to be discussed fall under three heads:

- 1.—Arrangements for the maintenance of Allied forces in Germany.
- 2.—The question of occupation costs, and
- 3.—Diplomatic relations between Western Germany and the three main Allied Powers.

The West German view is that the Allied troops should assume the status of security rather than occupation forces, and the subject of occupation costs is likely to meet with hard bargaining.

The Germans want occupation costs to be confined strictly to occupation expenses.—Reuter.

Pakistan Official On Way Home

London, Apr. 23. Mr. Mohammed Ali, Secretary-General of the Pakistan Government, arrived in London by air from New York this morning on his way back to Karachi. He will leave by air for the Pakistan capital tomorrow morning. Mr. Mohammed Ali went to New York to assist Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, Pakistan's Foreign Minister, who led the Pakistan delegation to the recent United Nations Security Council's discussions of the Kashmir problem.—Reuter.

SINO-TIBETAN DISPUTE SETTLEMENT BELIEVED NEAR

A Face-Saving Solution?

The basis of a solution to the Tibetan question which will be face-saving for both sides is believed to have been worked out between the Dalai Lama's advisers and the Peking Government.

Students of Tibetan affairs in Hongkong said last night that both the Tibetans and the Chinese Communists, for reasons of their own, seem to desire a settlement, or even a compromise, which involves no loss of prestige on either side.

DEADLOCK IN PARIS CONTINUES

Paris, Apr. 23. The Big Four Foreign Ministers' deputies remained in a deadlock today when they began their eighth week of talks to produce an agenda for a Foreign Ministers' conference.

Today's 30th meeting of the deputies was marked by a speech by M. Andrei Gromyko, the Russian deputy, which lasted for an hour and a half.

A Western spokesman, describing it as a propaganda speech, said that it was a continuation of M. Gromyko's speech of Saturday. M. Gromyko has thus spoken for over two and a half hours.

Mr. Gromyko today attacked Mr. Winston Churchill as "the troublemaker of the North Atlantic Treaty."

Mr. Gromyko accused the Western powers of "blockading tactics" and added that he considered such methods "vicious."

Dr. Philip Jessup, the American deputy, said that the Western Powers, who had made every effort towards an agreement, had been thwarted by the Soviet delegation, which tried to impose Soviet policies on the Western Powers.

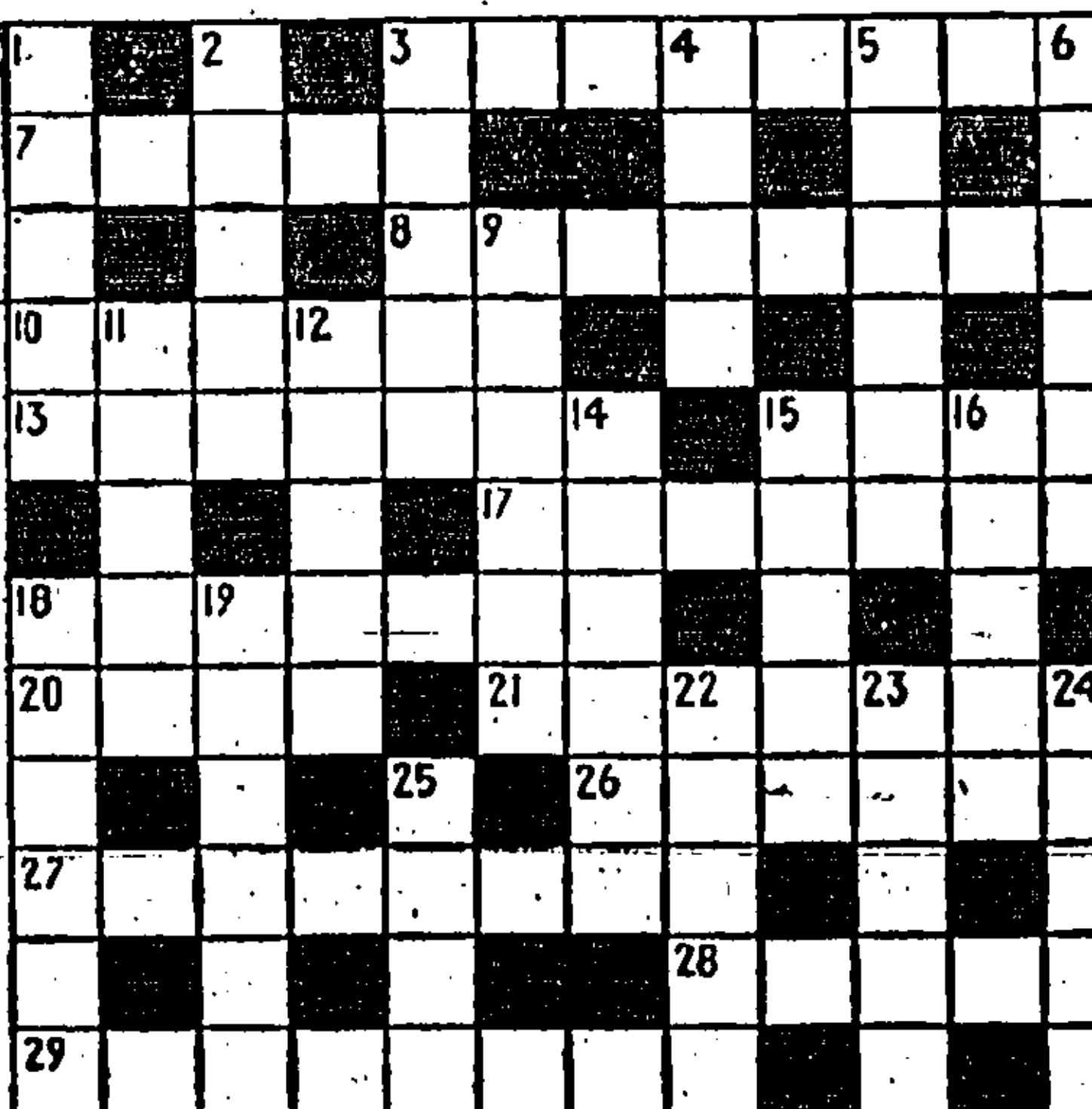
Mr. Ernest Davies, the British deputy, is giving a lunch for the deputies at the British Embassy tomorrow.—Reuter.

British Stand On Refugees

London, Apr. 23. Britain believes Arab refugees wishing to return to their homes in Palestine should have the right to do so, the Minister of State, Mr. Kenneth Younger, told the House of Commons today.

Answering a member's question on Government policy Mr. Younger said, however, "It is in the interests of the refugees themselves that the majority of them should, without prejudice, be given the right to their right to receive compensation, settle among their brethren in Arab countries."—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Dais (8).
- 7 Propagation (5).
- 8 Swindler (8).
- 10 Mark of a fold (6).
- 13 Agony (7).
- 15 Mud (4).
- 17 Magazine (7).
- 18 Heating apparatus (7).
- 20 Foruse (4).
- 21 Serious (7).
- 22 Cleaning cloth (6).
- 23 Condense (8).
- 25 Unit of heat (5).
- 29 Unexpectedly (5).

DOWN

- 1 Religious treatise (5).
- 2 Complete (5).
- 3 Balance (5).
- 4 Implement (4).
- 5 Cel (6).
- 6 Bit (6).
- 9 Threasure (8).
- 11 Rasal (5).
- 12 Revise (5).
- 14 Tramples (6).
- 15 Income (5).
- 16 Eluvate (5).
- 18 Quarrel (5).
- 19 Forced into place by pressure (6).
- 22 Out of practice (6).
- 23 Anesthetize (5).
- 24 Vagrant (5).
- 25 Loyal (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Harms, 5. Oasts, 8. Aoms, 9. Remode, 10. Eying, 11. Small, 12. Bluk, 15. Oasts, 16. Remode, 18. Treates, 20. Pined, 22. Oats, 23. Sily, 25. Pains, 26. Lamed, 27. Ears, 28. Inert, 29. Defend, Down: 1. Harms, 2. Aoms, 3. Sily, 4. Samed, 5. Oasts, 6. Oasts, 7. Oasts, 8. Aoms, 9. Remode, 10. Eying, 11. Small, 12. Bluk, 13. Agony, 14. Tramples, 15. Mud, 16. Eluvate, 17. Magazine, 18. Heating apparatus, 19. Forced into place by pressure, 20. Foruse, 21. Serious, 22. Cleaning cloth, 23. Condense, 24. Vagrant, 25. Loyal, 26. Lamed, 27. Ears, 28. Inert, 29. Defend.

"Well, I'll Be Darned"



General Eisenhower is shown as he got the news that General MacArthur had been fired by President Truman. Told the news, "Ike's" eyes widened in surprise and he was snapped as he muttered "Well, I'll be darned."—AP Photo.

India Turns Down Pakistani Grains

Karachi, Apr. 23.

India has rejected 58,000 tons of Pakistan rice offered under the recently concluded Indo-Pakistani trade agreement, official sources revealed today. India maintained that the quality of the rice offered—more than one-third of the amount committed by Pakistan for supply through June of this year—was not good enough.

The rice offered was 7,000 tons of Baluchistan rice, 22,000 tons of Sindh rice, and 29,000 tons of Punjab rice. India's rejection of this rice absolved Pakistan of the responsibility of supplying this amount of rice, in accordance with the terms of the trade agreement.

An Agriculture Ministry official, clarifying the Indian rejection of the rice, said India claimed the Baluchistan quality was not good enough and that the remainder was priced too high.—United Press.

U.S. DECISION

Washington, Apr. 23. The House Foreign Affairs Committee today tentatively approved a new Bill authorizing the sending of grain to famine-stricken India, but on a loan rather than a grant basis.

The original Bill, calling for a gift of \$100,000,000 worth of emergency food relief assistance to India, had been delayed by the House Rules Committee for more than a month.

The chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Representative John K. Kee, told reporters he did not favor the present plan for lending India money, but he and other committee members decided it was better than nothing.

It was apparent that a grant would not be approved by the Rules Committee, but he thought a loan Bill would be cleared for action within a week by that committee.

The new proposal calls for repayment by India of the assistance either in money or in strategic materials under the same credit terms as are in operation in other economic assistance operations.—United Press.

A LUCKY CAT

Sydney, Apr. 23. After Mr. A. F. Speechley, of Marrickville, near Sydney, rescued a black cat, he bought a lottery ticket and won \$2,112,000.

More than 100 people went to stroke the cat and leave this fish before buying lottery tickets.—Reuter.

95 Candles For Petain's Birthday

Ile d'Yeu, Apr. 23. A cake with 95 candles is being prepared here tonight for ex-Marshall Henri Philippe Petain's birthday tomorrow as he battles for life against increasing weakness.

The aged Marshall's grand-niece combed the island's little town of Port Joinville for the candles today.

The cake may be carried up to the hilltop fort for the invalid to see, or may only decorate the table of his relatives in the hotel here.

In any event, he will not taste it. Although he was able to sip some orangeade today, he has not taken solid food for four days.

He is living on his reserves of strength, said one source. "He has a marvellous constitution. Another man would probably have died a week ago."

Seventy-four-year-old Mme. Petain described her husband's condition as unchanged when she returned from her daily visit to his bedside. He slept much of the time during the day because he did not sleep well last night, she said.

A medical bulletin late today said the Marshall's condition was still critical but unchanged.—Associated Press.

ITALY APING PERON

Rome, Apr. 23. The police today closed the plant of the Rome Daily American, only English language daily newspaper in the Mediterranean basin, on the grounds that the noise of the presses disturbed neighbors.

The order climaxed a four-month campaign against the American paper by sections of the Italian Press. The publisher, Jack Begon, said: "It is obvious the real issue involved is not noise."

He said the order resulted from pressure brought by "powerful local newspapers." The Daily American was started in 1945 by three ex-soldier-members of the Stars and Stripes staff. It has a circulation of 20,000.—United Press.

Nasty Situation "Botched"

New York, Apr. 23. Mr. Lewis Douglas, former Ambassador to Britain, said today that the United States and Britain "have made a botch of a nasty and extremely dangerous situation" in Asia.

At the same time, he said the two nations needed each other now "far greater than at any other time in their history."

Referring to British and American policies in the Far East, Mr. Douglas told the annual luncheon of Associated Press members: "If Britain made a mistake in extending too early recognition to the Communist Government of China, we too have made serious mistakes in Asia. Some may even have induced the Korean war."—United Press.

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Mayor's Gift To Princess

Rome, Apr. 23. Princess Elizabeth was today presented by the Mayor of Rome, Signor Salvatore Rebecchini, with a bronze effigy of a wolf suckling Romulus and Remus, Rome's legendary founders.

The presentation was made when the Princess and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, visited the City Hall and the collection of Graeco-Roman sculpture on Capitol Hill.

The Princess will take the effigy home to England when she ends her four-day holiday in Italy tomorrow. The royal couple had a private lunch today at the British Embassy. They are spending the rest of their last day in Rome.—Reuter.

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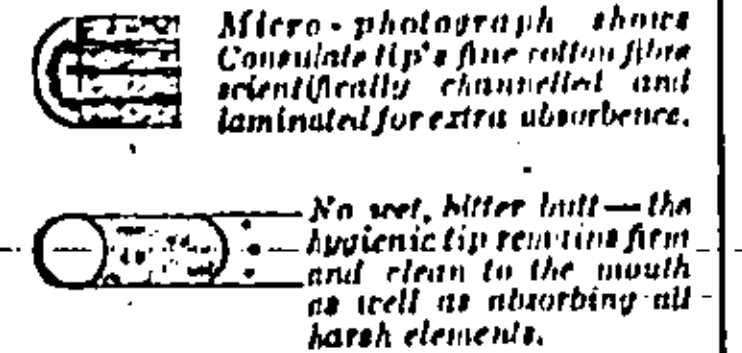
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This is the second article in a series of five on the Festival of Britain, which opens on May 3. Right: artist's impression of the South Bank. The Shot Tower has the birdcage on top... that's St Paul's in the background... you cannot miss the Dome... and that's County Hall (not part of the Festival) on the right.

DON'T come on this tour if you think it is going to be big, grand, magnificent, or impressive. The South Bank of the Thames, where the Festival is taking place, is interesting, pleasant, quite lively, brightly coloured and imaginative. But it is distinctly soft music. This is no international exhibition like Paris before the war, with the Pavilion of the Third Reich glaring bombastically at the Temple of the Soviets.

But if you like it that way, cross the Bailey Bridge over

the initiative in exploration and discovery remains with the British—which is one in the eye for "Pravda."

There will be a range of scientific toys in the Dome. One corner will be devoted to polar exploration, where a well-lit refrigerated igloo will defy the summer sun and there will be a hole to put your hand in and feel some "South-with-Scott" temperatures. All round the Dome of Discovery, which is a squat (80ft high) mushroom, the scientists and experts will be discreetly crying their wares. If you like geology better than ichthyology, (that's fishes), then show your choice and march up to see that old fossil.

A QUICK TOUR ROUND THE SOUTH BANK

By DAVID TEMPLE ROBERTS

the Thames. (Mr Bailey was a military engineer who cut down the bridge-building with a prefabricated building programme). Notice the view, upstream to Big Ben, and downstream to St Paul's, (this is a much clearer view of St Paul's, thanks to Goering's town clearing programme).

When you arrive on the South Bank, ("but perhaps you came by water-bus, madam?"), you will be right inside the serious-minded hard-core of the Festival. Solemnly, this area above the bridge is called the "Land of Britain"—or the "Up-stream Sequence".

If it is raining, the best thing is to take the children straight to the Dome of Discovery—and it probably will be raining. It is all quite safe, I assure you, though over there is a high-voltage electrical apparatus making million-dollar sparks—sorry, million-volt sparks. They are starting to investigate the structure of the atom in that corner. It is about as near as you will get to warfare.

But if your children are brought up on Superman they will not let you miss the radar signals to the moon—and back. This is really quite a simple gadget. On the top of the "shot-tower," a London landmark which the Festival has repainted rather than knocked down, is an anti-aircraft gun mounting with a radar aerial instead of a gun pointed at the moon. Every now and again it will go off with a pop—a little electrical pop, which you will see on an anode-ray tube in the Dome of Discovery. Need I tell you how fast light goes, or the distance to the moon and back? I understand the little pop comes back in a few seconds.

Fresher Fun

Just to make the fun fresher, this echo is not coming back to London but to somewhere in the West of England—still you will see it on the screen. Also enthusiastic amateurs keen on watching little radio pops will be straining their ears for it in America. All this is designed to be great fun and proves nothing.

This is not a scientific exhibition in any exhausting sense. But, in the words of the Festival People, it is to make clear "how

Outside in the sunshine (it's stopped raining, dear!) is the "Skylon." Some Festival word-maker picked this combination of Pylon and Skyscraper to describe the South Bank's piece of brilliant nonsense. It is (300 ft high, and very thin for its height. At night it will be lit from inside—the bulbs will be seen through tiny holes, and it will seem to hang in the sky. Actually, it is balanced on a little pivot. It serves no purpose except the architectural fancy of carrying your eye upwards.

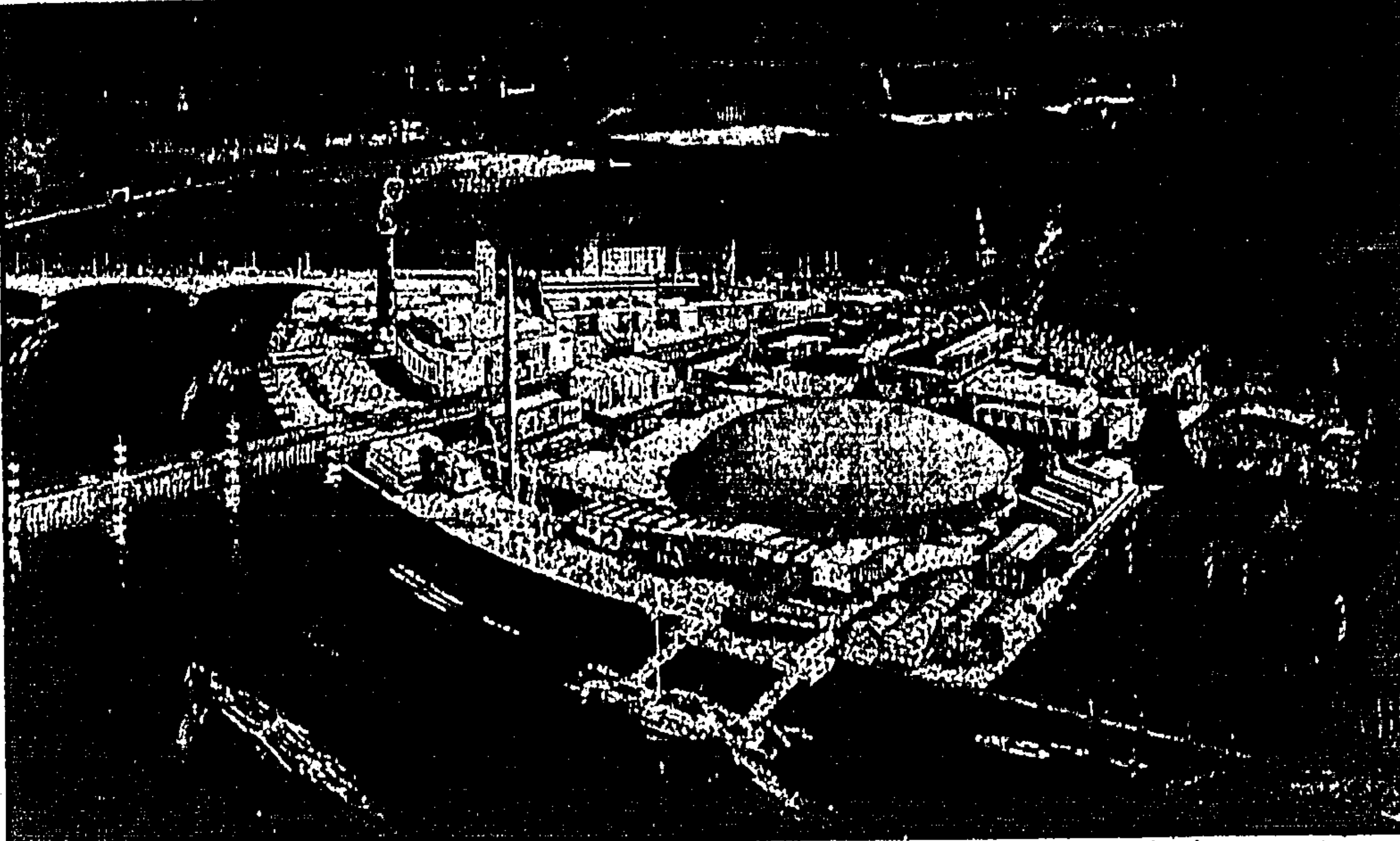
That, of course, is noble in itself in this Twentieth Century, when we can scarcely afford to build even a church with a little height in the nave. So the Skylon is the Gothic roof of this Festival. Please don't sneer at it; I think it is a merry joke.

Time For Tea

For a British visitor it will certainly be time for tea now. But hardy foreigners might try the Dutch Barn in the far corner devoted to The Country. It is easy to laugh at this, too. I can imagine sturdy British yokels with their trousers tied up with straw to keep them out of the mud, stamping about among the specimen herds of livestock.

Somewhere on the first floor, ("sorry, madam, there is no elevator") will be fruit trees uprooted from the Kent country-side and carried profanely past the tramways of South London. They will have their fruit heavy on them, all for the delight of the town-bound connoisseur of cherries and fresh English apples. ("Pity the poor trees, how it must hurt them being trundled in a horrid truck like that!").

The "Power and Production" pavilion will be more like an industrial exhibition. But the Festival people keep on crying aloud that this is not an industrial fair. Manufacturers cannot rent space. Exhibitions are picked for merit. If you want to order machinery or little plastic pigs to play with in your bath, then you can ask at the counter for the "1951 Stocklist". It indicates what is on show, who makes it—and also lists far more things that could be squeezed into the 27 acres of South Bank.



Some of the most fantastic minds in Britain have searched out serious inventions made for ludicrous purposes—but none surely will equal the "alarm bed" shown at the 1951 Great Exhibition which could be set in advance to object the sleeper on the floor "in a standing position." It was added that a cold bath could be placed in the appropriate spot. They were hardy

have their due—but I predict more attention will be paid to Englishmen's eccentricities.

The Council of Industrial Design writes, "The 1951 Exhibition was international and unselective; 1951 will be entirely British and will show nothing that does not do the country and British industry the highest degree of credit..." So now you know.

This superior tone of voice towards the 1951 Exhibition in Hyde Park, organised by Prince Albert—the true father and grandparent of all exhibitions—is common enough around "Festival Court," but hardly justified. If you come to Britain for the Festival, I recommend that you buy the commemorative album of the 1951 "Great Exhibition" just brought out by the Victoria and Albert Museum and published by the Stationery Office, the official Government printers (price: 6 shillings).

Fantastic

To visitors from the East, I commend illustration and contemporary comment on India, page 67. To lovers of the arts I commend some illustrations of sculptures glorious in their modesty—especially an American contribution entitled "The Chained Slave." Today's poor Festival cannot rival these.

But amusement for the cynical is still to be had on the South Bank. "Downstream" from the serious instruction we have been examining is another "sequence" called the "People of Britain." The idea is to portray what the people of Britain have done in their country—and what it has done to them. The part called the "Seaside" will be light entertainment—one bit of it, a port, the other a kind of beach parade with yachts, pier amusements, and a mannequin show of bathing costumes.

But if you are more inquisitive, try finding out what the British think of their own character! It is all in a pavilion called the Lion and the Unicorn. All the solemn virtues of civic responsibility will

mortals, and immune to shock, our grandparents.

Lastly, as night is falling, I recommend a nightmare in the "Telecinema." I hesitate to describe it in any other words but those of officialdom which in this case betrays an optimism obviously inherited from Prince Albert. If it's now, it's better; talkies are better than movies; television than radio; so let us have "heavies" so that soon we will have "smellies."

We are told, of the telecinema: "For the first time big-screen television will be included in the regular cinema programme, bringing to movie audiences at each performance a sense of up-to-the-moment actuality—what is going on in other parts of the

Festival site. Then, reaching out into the future, the Telecinema will present to its audiences a new kind of film sound track, using the latest magnetic medium and causing the sound to issue at will from any part of the screen or from the back or ceiling of the auditorium.

"Coupled with this 'sound in space' will be a 'picture in space'—a three-dimensional movie which will appear to the spectator to reach out from the screen over the heads of the audience in front and also stretch back behind the plane of the screen into the far distance."

"...The audience will be provided with specially designed glasses."

Goodnight!

THE ABBEY IS HARD-UP, TOO

By Hugh Cleland

THE rising cost of living, which drives the housewife to despair, is seriously exercising the minds of the men responsible for the upkeep of Britain's great cathedral churches.

St Paul's Cathedral, it has been revealed, will have to sell investments to meet its financial commitments; at Westminster Abbey—which in recent years has been able to make ends meet—there is talk of an appeal for funds in the not too distant future.

Westminster Abbey, the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, shares with St. George's Chapel, Windsor, the designation "Royal Peculiar," is extra-provincial, extra-diocesan, and under the personal jurisdiction of the King, who is its Visitor.

One of the peculiarities about its finances is that they are not made public; the poverty-stricken parish church may publish the sad statement of its affairs in the magazine once a year and thereby perhaps attract help from well-wishers. St. Paul's Cathedral admits its outgoings to be £50,000 a year. Westminster Abbey's accounts are "a Chapter secret."

Responsible for them to the Chapter is the Receiver-General, Canon Adam Fox, a former Professor of Poetry at Oxford, while the lay expert is Mr T. Hebron, Registrar and Chief Accountant. The accounts are audited annually by an eminent accountant known as the Auditor-General, who has as a perquisite of his office a stall in the Abbey choir. But the balance-sheet is not published.

But for an Act of Parliament of 63 years ago, the Abbey might be rich indeed, with an annual income from property up and down the country of £250,000 a year. ("and that really would have been an embarrassment," they say at the Abbey). By the Westminster Abbey Act, 1886, however, the property was surrendered to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in return for a fixed income of £20,000 a year. Though it may have seemed adequate then this bears little relation to expenditure today.

Long before, Henry VIII did much the same as the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. He confiscated Abbey revenues of £4,000 a year and gave instead an income of £200, and later the capital value of a few thousand pounds.

What of the rest of the Abbey's revenue? An appeal to

reported variously as from £163,000 to £180,000, and this sum was invested.

Large source of revenue is the fees paid by visitors for looking at the Chapels Royal in the Abbey, which were estimated before the war to produce £3,000-£5,000 a year; collections at services, on the other hand, yield very little, and money from this source is shared on a roughly fifty-fifty basis with a number of charities. State occasions bring in fees, and though these barely cover the expenses involved from temporary closing of the Abbey, they usually mean that bigger crowds of sight-seers are attracted in the following weeks. A quarter of a million people paid £15,000 to see the Coronation setting in the Abbey.

Cost of maintaining the fabric today is reckoned as being five times what it was in 1889, and craftsmen are becoming more and more difficult to find.

There are 120 people on the Abbey staff. They range from the Dean (£3,000 a year), through four Canons Resident

tiary (£2,100 to £1,400) to the 13 vergers, the clerk of works staff of 30-40 and cleaners (6). Only ten of them are clergymen.

The choir school—which provides education at a third of cost price for scholars whose parents can pay and provides it free for those who cannot—has 36 boys in it. The Abbey choir as a whole, though slightly smaller than that of St Paul's (12 men and 22 boys against 18 men and 30) and two organists, represents a heavy commitment.

Like other organisations, the Abbey is hoping some good may accrue to it from Festival visitors. "Were it not for some hopes from that," they say, "the situation would be, well, less promising."

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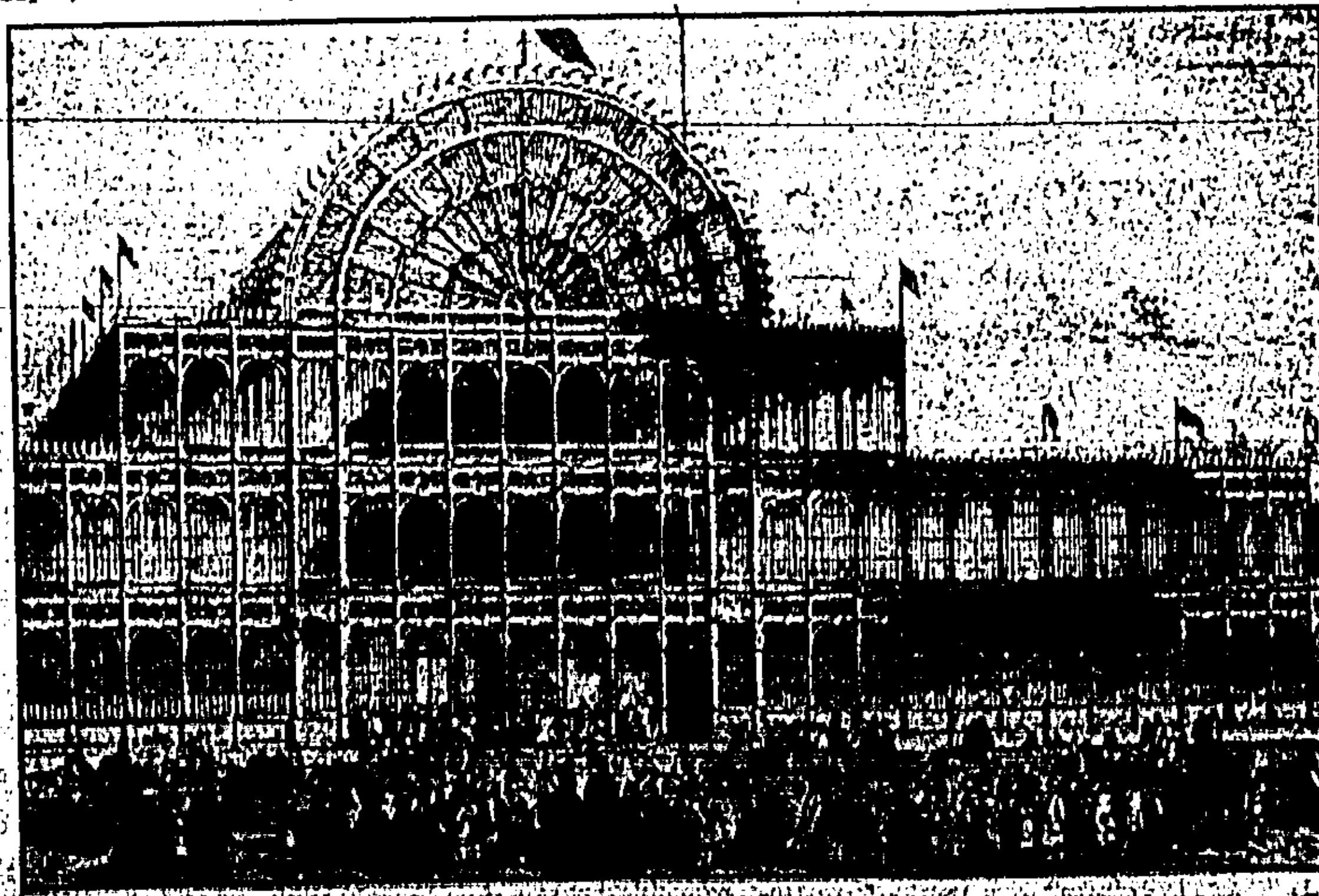
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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Don't Squander
Trumps Needlessly

By OSWALD JACOBY

"SOME time ago you wrote about the correct way to bid a misfit hand," writes a Detroit correspondent. "I believe your point was that the smart player quite before he gets too high. Would you make the same comment on this hand?"

"West opened the five of diamonds, dummy played the jack, and East covered with the queen and South had to win with the ace. Declarer decided that his first spade might not be good, and therefore ruffed it in dummy. He returned the king of hearts from dummy, and West took the ace."

"West continued diamonds, dummy winning with the king. Declarer cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club with the eight in order to gain the lead. He next led the jack of hearts, and West took the queen. West returned a club, thus bringing South down to only one trump. Since West had two trumps, the contract could not now be made."

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Your Sewing Scrapbook

By M. B. Pickton

Aprons—Decorative And Practical

THESE matching aprons are decorative as well as practical, besides being economical. You may wish to cut several at the same time in a variety of fabrics or colours. This is an ideal small apron to make to match your dresses.

You need 1 yd. of 36"-width cotton fabric.



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♦ None			
♦ K 7			
♦ A 8 12			
♦ A 8 7 4 2			
WEST			
♦ 8 6 3			
♦ A Q 3 2			
♦ 5 7			
♦ K J 10 9			
EAST			
♦ 10 9 7 4 2			
♦ 5 7			
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♦ A K Q J 5			
♦ J 10 9 8 6			
♦ A 4			
♦ 5			
N-S vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♣	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
Opening lead—♦ 5			

unbound. The North-South hands were not a complete misfit. And South should not have felt disappointed at being in a game contract. As matter of fact, he should have made his game.

Correct play is to win the opening diamond lead in dummy with the king of diamonds. The king of hearts is then returned at once. West takes the ace of hearts and returns a diamond as good a lead as any to South's ace. South then leads the jack of hearts, knocking out West's queen.

West's best continuation is a club dummy, ruffing with the ace. South then ruffs a club to regain the lead but still has two trumps with which to draw those held by West. He can draw trumps and run his top spades, fulfilling the same contract.

The big mistake in this hand lay not in the bidding, but in the play. It was the final trick. Declarer must conserve entries to his own hand in order to save his trumps.

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Answer tomorrow.

CROSSWORD

Across

1. Impasse that may old Dutch would not qualify for. (9)

2. This may be done if you reform to draw. (9)

3. Tree that supplies very hard wood. (6)

4. To place one in the street is illegal. (5)

5. Result, possibly, of a broken pool. (5)

6. Does struck this attitude. (5)

7. This word gives you port. (6)

8. This is a silver brooch. (6)

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When Dealing With Skin Ills There Is Always One Safe Rule

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

SKIN eruptions have so many different causes, it is not always possible to determine their source promptly. This does not mean, however, that treatment should be withheld until the search for the trouble-maker has been completed.

When dealing with an irritated and painful skin, there is always one safe rule, soothe it. Thus, regardless of the cause of the trouble and almost without regard to the particular form the irritation takes, soothing preparations are in order. They can be employed where there are blisters, oozing, scaling, or crusting. Even though the rash may have been present a long time and have reached a quieter stage, soothing preparations should be used at the start and

then more stimulating ones can be tried cautiously. By soothing applications are meant wet dressings, baths, and lotions to restore the fat protection against infection. It is important to avoid alkaline preparations, such as soaps.

To relieve burning and itching, weak solutions of potassium permanganate or starch solution seem to be effective. Wet dressings of antibiotics are now being employed. After each wet dressing, a grease should be applied. Boric acid ointment seems to be satisfactory for this purpose. Since most skin rashes soon become infected, treatment with an antibiotic is important and should be started early.

In those cases where the condition seems to be due to allergy or oversensitivity, the anti-inflammatory preparations are effective. They may be used in the form of ointments or be given

by mouth. Stimulating preparations include sulphur and salicylates. However, it is always a good policy to start with low concentrations and to increase them gradually, depending upon the reaction to the drugs.

If the rash seems to be due to allergy, certain foods, which are commonly responsible for allergic reactions, such as chocolate, oranges, nuts, tomatoes, and pork, may be eliminated from the diet.

Of course, in all cases, it is important to find out the cause of the rash. The search should go forward while the treatment aimed at getting the skin in better condition is being carried out. Once the underlying cause has been discovered, effective measures to eliminate it can be used and the problem taken care of at the source.

TRAVELLING MANNEQUIN

TRAVELLING Europe as a fashion model is the 26-year-old Contessa Marcella De Cleves. She is Italian, speaks four languages, has a Milan degree in philosophy. Eighteen months ago she gave up the idea of a career as a teacher, became a mannequin. Since then the Contessa Marcella has modelled in Rome, Paris and London.



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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Magician Had a Party

—It Was For People Who Never Had Birthdays—

By MAX TRELL

"WELL," said Mr. Punch when Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, came into the room. "I've just had a phone call from Mr. Merlin the Magician. He's invited us all to a party."

"Oh!" exclaimed Hanid. "A birthday party?"

Knarf and Hanid looked around in curiosity.

All the toys were there—

Toddy the Stuffed Bear, Mary-Jane the rag doll, General Tin the tin soldier, Whoo the Hobby Horse.

The canary was there.

Mrs. Cuckoo, who lived inside the cuckoo-clock and had been calling out the hours for years around in curiosity.

The Iron Rooster weather-vane was there!

The geranium that stood on the table by the window and held out its green leaves like hands was there!

The mice were there.

Pooh Pooh the poodle, and Purr Purr the kitten were there, for no one bothered to remember their birthdays or to give them a party!

"I wonder why we're here?" Knarf whispered to Hanid.

"Why, because no one gives us birthday parties, either!" answered Hanid. "We're the shadows of children, not real children. Only real children ever get birthday parties!"

Mr. Merlin was a wonderful party-master. He gave everyone presents. He can tell you what they all were, but every present was just what everyone at the party needed.

There was singing and dancing, and eating and drinking, and laughing and shouting.

It was the best trick in the world! But no one in the whole world except Mr. Merlin the Magician could have done it!

Rupert and the Castaway—26

When Rupert had a good meal he is given no time to rest. The little dorkies surround him and urge him out of the village and back into the forest. When they pull him and push him, he has to go just where they lead. "There must be some ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

reason for this," he muttered. "They all seem to know just what they want. I wish I did!" At length they reach the highest point of the island, and Koko points across the water. Rupert can see more islands, and from the biggest of them a thin wisp of smoke is rising straight up into the sky.

Finally everyone begged Mr. Merlin to do some magic tricks. He consented to do only one trick; and that one trick he would only do at the very end of the party.

He waved his wand in the air and instantly everyone at the party was home and fast asleep!

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THE 42ND YEAR OF THE LAWN TENNIS LEAGUE STARTS NEXT MONDAY

By "ARGONAUT"

Monday, April 30, heralds in the 42nd year of the Colony Inter-club Tennis League competition.

Except for one change, the League will be run on exactly the same lines as last year and as in the year when it started in 1909 with only the Men's "A" Division. Instead of one League Secretary there will be eight this year, each drawn from last year's champion teams of the different divisions, to take care of the fixtures for each division.

Though the 1950-1951 League season brings no appreciable changes in League rules or the scoring system of the actual League matches, it will begin this year with an appeal for better sportsmanship and brighter tennis.

The progress of the tournament, therefore, the behaviour and attitude of players and even their style of play will be bearing a special significance this season and will give to every lover of the game a fairly good idea of how deserving the tennis champions and novices alike are of the word "sportsman".

63 TEAMS

As to the League itself, there will be 63 teams participating this year in all the eight divisions of the League as compared to 62 last season.

Two new clubs will make their appearance in the League series. These are Urban Council Staff Recreation Club and the Post Office Recreation Club. Missing will be the Men's "C" team of Royal Air Force.

The most pleasing feature of the League entries this year is the participation of two further teams in the Men's "A" Division, bringing the total number of entries for this division to eight.

The commendable decision taken by two teams, Urban Council Recreation Club and South China "2" team, to play in this Division may well be followed by other clubs.

More laudable does the action of these two teams become when it is known that the South China "2" team will have as its nucleus the schoolboys Maurice Ma, George Lin Jr., Fritz Lin and Tim Wong, and the Urban Council players like Chung Wing-keung, Cheng Tin-shu, Ian Dow, J. G. Hooper, Chung Wah-chiu and Paul Leung.

These two teams have been courageous enough to enter the competition with the prospect of losing every match but gaining in their standard of tennis is a very encouraging sign for Hongkong's tennis future.

MAY HAPPEN YET

One remote but much hoped for development that will do a great deal towards promoting greater interest and competition in the Senior League will arise if South China and Chinese Recreation Club may in the distant future set aside their rivalry for supremacy and, instead, break up their one team of star players into two

or three teams of combinations of such star players and up-and-coming youngsters. As it is, the competitive side of the Men's "A" League this season will again be a foregone conclusion with South China and Chinese Recreation Club fighting it out for the title.

It took Chinese Recreation Club two final playoffs last year to wrest the Championship from their rivals and with all their last season's players, the Trail brothers, Lee Wai-tong, George Choo, K. C. Dao, V. T. Wang, T. F. Choy and L. C. Kotewall still available, their hopes of retaining the title are considered very bright.

South China may be without the services of their mainstay, Ip Koon-hung, in the latter stages of the competition should his plan of competing at Wimbledon materialise, but will be strengthened by new blood in Chen Yip, the 1950 Shanghai runner-up, and Tony Liang, former Hongkong University and Tientsin champion.

With Gordon Lum, Edwin Tsui, Leon She, Patrick Poon and Sato, Black to make the remainder of the team, they can still provide the Tai Hang club with a surprise or two.

Hongkong Cricket Club with Harry Ayres, Maurice Heenan, J. Spence and J. D. Mackie can always be relied upon to provide some bright tennis in this division.

KEEN COMPETITION

The Ladies' "A" Division should produce some very keen competition this season. South China have at last persuaded enough ladies to make up a team and a formidable team at that.

Headed by Colony champion, Mrs. Mary Chow, it will have in its ranks Joan Wang-Sze former all-China champion, Choy Wei-won who has been practicing regularly five times a week at the South China courts, Mrs. Mary Tang, Ullian Khoo and Grace Poon.

Ladies' Recreation Club, winners of the title since the inception of this event in 1948 will be fielding a prospective champion team that brings back to competitive tennis Mrs. Diana Cooper, and Mrs. W. J. Slagter.

Although they will lose Mrs. Add Tamworth when she goes home some time later in the year, they will still have Mrs. K. M. Getz, Mrs. A. D. Scholes,

Mrs. Stroobach and Mrs. Barty to make up their team. Not to be overlooked is Chinese Recreation Club, who will be led by Mrs. Helen Lo. The Colony Doubles Champions, Mrs. Litton and Miss Law Haw-ye, will form the backbone of the team, and should Mrs. Tao, now in Taipei, be available, a very interesting league is in store.

United Services Recreation Club will have a number of newcomers in their ranks. Among them are Mrs. Wort and Mrs. Jocelyn and, as evidenced last year, this club can always be counted upon to provide the upsets in the tournament.

OPENING FIXTURES

MONDAY, APRIL 30

Men's "B" Division
CRC "2" v HKCC
SCAA v HKCC
USRC v KCC
CCC "1" v CRC "1"
LRC v CCC "2"

Kowloon Tony (Bye)
Ladies' "B" Division
KCC v CCC
Recreo "B" v LRC
Recreo "W" (Bye)

TUESDAY, MAY 1

Men's "C" Division
KCC v HKCC
USRC v LRC
Post Office v Recreco
Kowloon Tony v SCAA
IRC v CCC
KCC v CRC

Note: The Post Office Club will play their home matches on their opponents' courts, but will defray all the necessary expenses.

Mixed "B" Division
University v Recreco
SCAA v USRC
CCC v KCC

THURSDAY, MAY 3

Men's "D" Division
CRC "2" v HKCC
Urban "C" "1" v HKCC
LRC v HKCC
IRC v Urban "C" "2"

SCAA "1" (Bye) v KCC

Mixed "A" Division
HKCC v LRC
KCC v CRC

SCAA (Bye)

FRIDAY, MAY 4

Men's "A" Division
CRC v Recreco
SCAA "2" v Urban "C" "1"
University v KCC
HKCC v CCC

Ladies' "A" Division
LRC v CRC
KCC v SCAA
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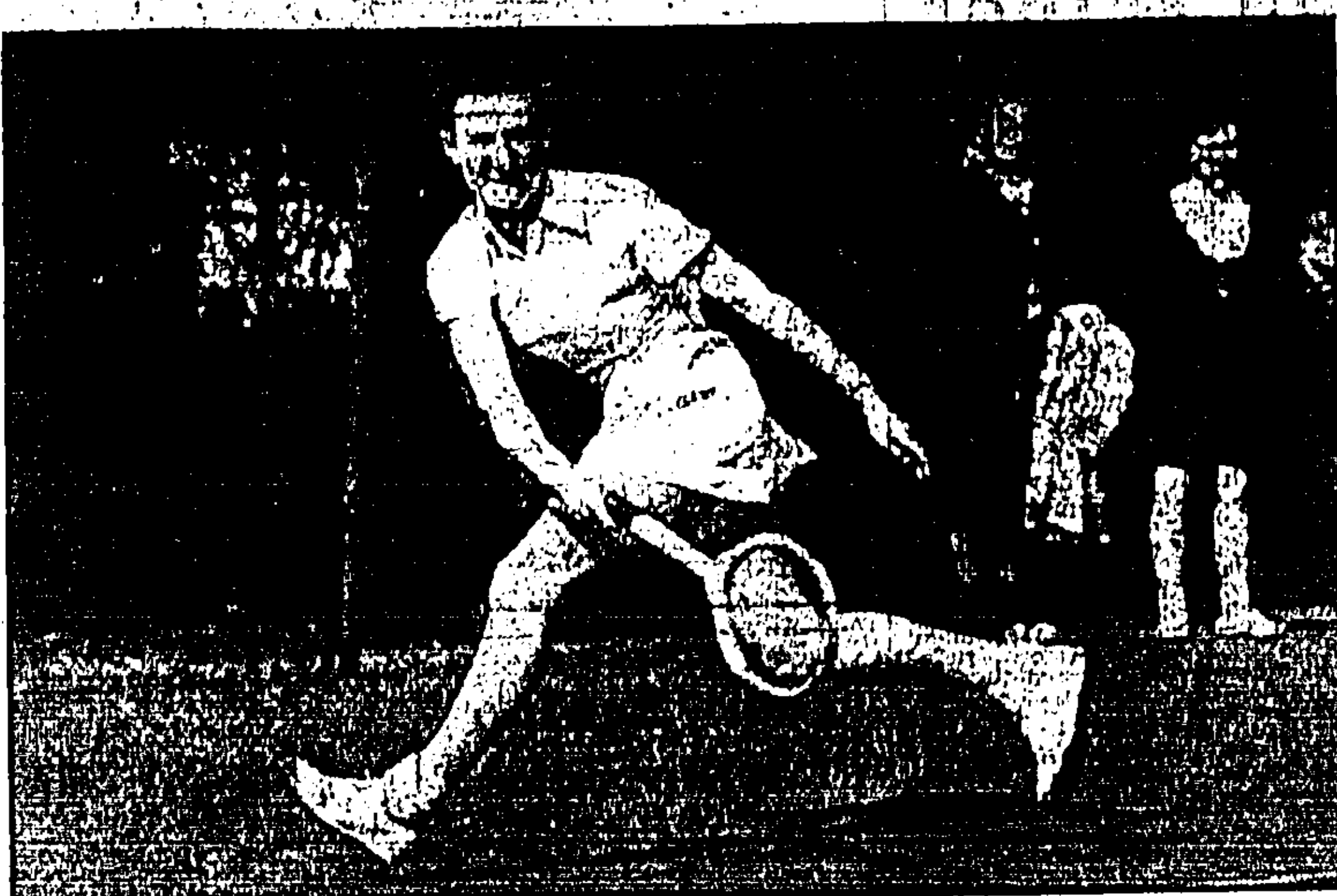
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TOP OF THE LADDER



Brain, not brawn, has brought Jean Walker-Smith to the top at lawn tennis; brain and that unteachable quality "guts."

As Jean Bridger she was Under-16 Schoolgirl Champion the year before the war. She was then a mere "alp of a girl." She does not appear to have grown since, and it remains a mystery how so small an amount of muscle can generate so much power in her forehand.

It is not surprising that a member of the Bridger family should achieve Wightman Cup honours and be rated as Britain's top player in 1950. Jean's brother John collected a record number of war-time blues from Cambridge and, like his father, plays cricket for Hampshire.—Central Press Photo.

Wembley Awaits 11 Perfect Specimens Of Argentine Beef

By RAYMOND GLENDEENING

When eleven perfect specimens of Argentine beef—and brawn, of course—step on to the Wembley turf on May 9 the FA will breathe a sigh of relief.

We, too, shall be delighted to see them, but few of you will realise the amount of negotiation—mostly over the telephone at £5 a minute—that's been needed to clinch their visit.

13 Countries For Olympic Hockey Tournament

Paris, Apr. 23.

The Board of the International Hockey Federation has nominated 13 teams to compete in next year's Olympic Games at Helsinki. The four countries which reached the semi-finals of the 1948 Games—India, Britain, Holland and Pakistan—have been chosen.

In addition, France, Belgium, Denmark, Switzerland, Spain, Australia and the Argentine will be invited.

Finland, the organising country, will be the 13th competing team.

Afghanistan, the United States, Eire, Israel, Czechoslovakia and Egypt will be considered as reserve teams if one of the invitations cannot be accepted.

The German Hockey Association has been provisionally accepted as a member by the Board which met here.

The decision is to be confirmed at the Congress of the Federation, which is to be held at Helsinki next year.

The Saar has also been admitted to the Federation as a provisional member.—Reuter.

17 Probable Starters For Metropolitan

London, Apr. 23.

The Aga Khan's five-year-old Light of Morocco is among the 17 probable starters for the Great Metropolitan Handicap, to be run over two and a quarter miles at Epsom tomorrow. The race is timed to start at 2.15 p.m. GMT and the runners and jockeys are:

French Squadron (T. Goss), Cinnia II (W. H. Carr), Light of Morocco (Gordon Richards), Aurich (V. Gardner), Royalist (W. Rickaby), Forthright (E. Mercer), Royal Oak (W. Newitt), Coup d'Etat (W. Sellwood), Wenceslaw (Doug Smith), Valled Surpise (J. Sime), Tarka (R. Bradley), Fort (J. Mercer), Corvus Court (W. Smith), Querrier (T. Mahon), Pins and Needles (D. Greening) and Heart of Devon (R. Reader).—Reuter.

Ice Hockey Cup

Toronto, Apr. 22.

Toronto Maple Leafs won the Stanley Cup Embellishment of Ice Hockey Supremacy when they gained a winning lead of four matches to one in the best seven-finals series against the Montreal Canadiens.

France Wins Cycle Match

Paris, Apr. 22.

In bright sunshine, 10,000 spectators saw France beat the foreigners (Australia, Holland and Switzerland) by two events in the International Cycling Omnium over three laps at the Parc des Princes track here to-day.

Although Sydney Patterson (Australia), the world's amateur sprint champion in 1948, was in great form the foreigners lost the match when he allowed Paul Mattoiff (French pursuit champion) to get away in the point-to-point event and set up one lap before the end of the team pursuit event.

The foreigners had a good start when they won the flying start and apart from Patterson's mistakes were just as good as the French.—Reuter.

Footballers Try To Crash Society

Rio de Janeiro, Apr. 23.

The Uruguayan Consul put up bail today to enable the Uruguayan football team, Penarol, to embark for Montevideo.

Some of the players were imprisoned on Sunday night after they were alleged to have tried to break into a Brazilian football party.

Minor casualties were reported on both sides before the players were evicted.—Reuter.

FANLING GOLF

T.C.G. Knight (10), with a return of one up, won the Bogey Pool Competition played over the Old Course at Fanling on Sunday. The competition, the first of the series, will be a Bogey Competition.

Badminton Match

Copenhagen, Apr. 22.

Malaya beat Denmark in a badminton contest here tonight between the two countries. Malaya won three out of the five games.—Reuter.

IF GRAND NATIONAL JOCKEYS USED THE CAVALRYMAN'S GRIP

Says EX-HUSSARS OFFICER

How many Grand National jockeys would part company with their horses if they were all to employ the knee and thigh grip of the cavalryman? Don't expect me to tell you, because I'd be happier on a rocking-horse, but 65-year-old Londoner Geoffrey Benstead is certain the number of falls would be greatly reduced.

This ex-Hussars officer is so sure, in fact, that in spite of his age—and let me hasten to add he looks many years younger—he is prepared to tackle any six Aintree jumps, with the Chair and Becher's thrown in, one month from now, in order to prove his theory.

All he needs for his effort is a mount. Has anyone got a horse? Well, that's one of the old "uns" who wants to show the youngsters the way. And some of the evergreens of Soccer are fancying their chance a bit.

Bucked by the fact that many of us have spoken of the over-thirties as better than the under-thirties, there are quite a number of them who would like to put the point to test during the Festival period.

MERCER'S TEAM
Joe Mercer was talking to me about it the other evening and promptly picked a team he'd fancy, going out of his way to point out instances to find players as old as he could. This was his choice:

Teddy Sagor, Laurie Scott, Joe Baouzzi, Mercer, Leslie Compton, Pat Beasley, Stan Matthews, Ralph Carter, Tommy Lawton, Len Goulden, Cliff Parker.

Well, what about it? Surely someone would be prepared to pick a side of young 'uns and put the game on for charity.

I know my good friend, Harold Holland, who organises St Dunstan's shows in the west country, has a valuable trophy waiting to be placed in Soccer, and I have no doubt he'd make it available for good cause.

SHOCK TEAM
Shock team of the week was Barrow Rugby League outfit, who qualified for a Wembley meeting with Wigan by roundly walloping Leeds. All the special training they did was an hour on each of two nights before the first semifinal game, and the same again before the replay.

And this side, low down in the League table, will set about their final task in just the same way. In the team are nine locals, two from Wigan, one from St Helens and one from Coventry. I'm told they got 200 apiece for the two games. Not bad for 60 minutes' play. And for all the hullabaloo over the Rugby League Cup Competition.

TOMMY FARR TO FIGHT McDERMOTT

London, Apr. 23.

Tommy Farr, former British Heavyweight Boxing Champion, will return to the scene of his prewar triumphs when he fights Gerry McDermott, the Irish Champion, over 10 rounds at Harringay here tomorrow. Farr beat Ben Ford, Max Baer, Walter Neusel and Red Burman in the Harringay ring. The fight will support the bout between the British Cruiserweight titleholder, Don Cockell, and the American boxer, Freddie Beshore.

The London promoter, Mr. Jack Solomons, said that Farr had told him he would be finished with the ring if he failed against McDermott.—Reuter.

Arthur Peall says:

SNOOKER BREAKS MUST BE PLANNED AHEAD

FEW pot-smoke-black sequences look easier than my spot-and diagram set up. To tap red down, aiming to hit the red, I use a cue tip, aiming to hit the red, I use a cue tip, aiming to hit the red, I use a cue tip.

Yet strokes of the cue tip, decide whether a break is possible or not. By stopping white perfectly, black is a forced to go to another red and so on. Not so hard as it looks in diagram "is" my snooker of green is snooker. With brown and pink as top table, the cue tip is only necessary to clip green and send white on three points for a snooker worthy of you: penalty points at least.

It was turned down over a matter of £25. I should have thought that the RL would have been prepared to pay ten times that amount to make sure the game would be televised.

One more TV point. Although the whole of the FA Cup Final is not being screened, arrangements were completed yesterday for television newscast to cover the whole game, and the Argentine international as well.

Remember my telling you a fortnight ago, when everyone else was saying he should hang up his gloves, that Tommy Farr would be on Jack Solomons' Harringay bill on April 24? Well, he's on it.

—HAROLD MAYES.

Major League Baseball

New York, Apr. 23.

Vic Raschi pitched shut-out ball between the second and eighth innings today to pace the New York Yankees to a 5-4 victory over the Philadelphia Athletics in the American League.

Raschi, in posting his second win of the year, was touched for two runs in the first inning and two in the ninth. The Yankees clubbed Lou Briskie and Hank Wynn for 13 hits. Rookie, Micker, Manzie hit three singles for the Yankees. The loss was charged to Briskie.

In the only other American League game scheduled for today, the Detroit Tigers opened up with a home run barge by Joe Giengo. Fat Mulla and Vic Wertz to beat the St Louis Browns 7-4.

Rookie pitcher Ray Herbert credited with the win and Cliff Fannin was charged with the loss for St. Louis.

DODGERS BEAT BRAVES

Carl Furillo singled with two out in the 16th inning, scoring Billy Cox from third base, to give the Brooklyn Dodgers a 2-1 victory over the Boston Braves today in the National League. It was the longest game in the season to date. Lefty Warren, Spahn, was charged with the Boston loss but went all the way for the Braves.

Brooklyn used three pitchers. Clyde King, who took the mound in the 13th inning, was credited with the win.

The Chicago Cubs defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-1 in the only other afternoon game. Andy Pafko's two-base hit with two out in the last half of the ninth inning scored Hal Jeffcoat with the deciding run. Frank Hillier was the winning pitcher and Mel Queen the loser. Each team used only one pitcher.—Associated Press.

THE SCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
New York	5	13	0
Philadelphia	4	18	0
Winning pitcher	Vic Raschi		
loser	Lou Briskie		
Detroit	7	9	0
Saint Louis	4	8	0
Winning pitcher	Ray Herbert		
loser	Cliff Fannin		

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	2	10	1
Boston	1	7	2
Winning pitcher	Clyde King		
loser	Warren Spahn		



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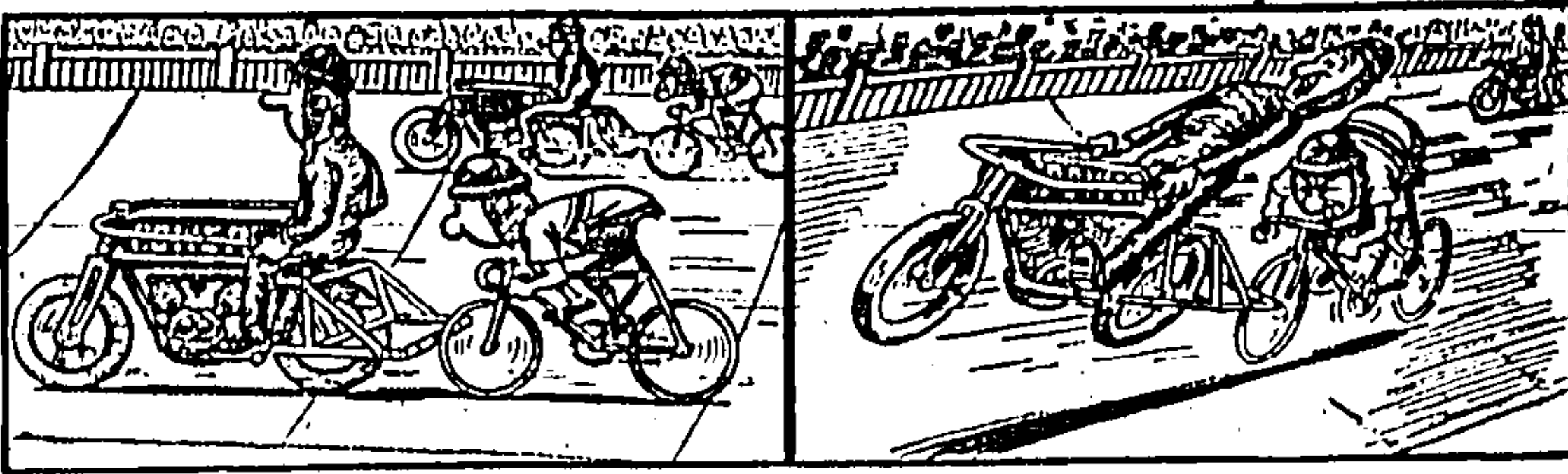
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FA CHAIRMAN SUGGESTS A BAN ON TRANSFER FEES BETWEEN LEAGUE CLUBS

By IVAN SHARPE

The other night, the Management Committee of the Football League met in London to round off their plans to conquer the transfer canker.

The item on the agenda was really: Commercialism or Sport?

Indeed, Mr. A. Brook Hirst, Chairman of the Football Association, who has been years in the service of Huddersfield Town FC, and was in office during their greatest successes, tells me he has come to the conclusion that, as between Football League clubs, there should be no transfer fees at all.

He says: "My experience, as a club director and as a member of the League Management Committee, has satisfied me that these £10,000, £20,000 and £30,000 fees damage the game's reputation and cause dissatisfaction among the players, who naturally feel that they should receive a greater share of the money."

"There are some cases where players are priceless because the clubs would not part with them. This applies to most of England's internationals."

"Money offers aren't tempt or interest their clubs unless they are prepared to let a player go."

"There are other cases where the youngsters who haven't quite made the grade with the first team remain with the club in the reserves because he is not worth a greatly-exaggerated fee."

"If there were no transfer fees, many of these young players would be released, and so there would be a greater circulation of players and a reduction of the shortage of talent which is the game's bugbear and the prime cause of the present football inflation."

"The reason these free transfers are restricted to Football League clubs is that, obviously some arrangement or protection would be necessary with other national leagues such as those of Scotland and Ireland."

WORRIED

The League Management Committee's plans will be welcomed, but some well-wishers among the clubs are worried about after-effects. They are proposing to raise questions at the annual meeting about the increasing appearance in English teams of foreign footballers.

This is an interesting story. Twenty years ago, Herbert Chapman, over on the look-out for magnets as well as match-winners, persuaded Hilden, the spectacular pastry-cook who kept goal for the Austrians, to leave Vienna for Arsenal Stadium. Hilden twice got as far as Dover, and the immigration people twice said: No.

Now, the F.A. saw the menace, and so it is that no foreign footballer can be signed as a professional in this country unless he holds a two years' residential qualification. "Unwise," I thought. "British football should include the world's best." But I soon saw the light.

CIRCUS

Italy has opened the doors to the stars of the world—South America, Sweden, Denmark, Holland—and the result is a circus something similar to the twice-nightly set-up in the not-so-happy land far away known in Britain as Bogota. In each sport there is no soul. These Tower of Babel teams are just blatant commercialism. It is not the football of the country; it is a polyglot pantomime, and when the song and dance is over the last state is worse than the first.

Besides, strange things happen in circuses, some of which are thought as well as action. There was, for instance, the South American star who, for a fee of around £10,000, went to Genoa. Soon, his mother went too. For the return journey she booked two seats on the plane. In one she sat, and, lo, the other suddenly was filled by her son, and there was a groaning and wailing in the land. The priest tried to persuade him to remain and give Genoa fuller value for the big fee. The South American consul followed suit. And the emigration authorities searched his papers and his luggage to find some flaw, but he kept his seat, and his intention, and flew away into the setting sun.

HELPED

Since the war Hansen of Denmark has played for Huddersfield, Stefan of Switzerland for Chelsea, and Jensen of Denmark for Hull City, and now Jansson of Sweden has returned home after helping Charlton. In most cases it was timely help. Hull got up to a higher division of the League, and Huddersfield Town and Charlton have stayed up. The above have, either to study or for reasons of business, all returned to their old homes.

man, who has remained and turned professional.

I am officially assured that the arrival and departure of these foreign amateurs has been duly considered by the League. "It isn't just a formality. We watch the position very closely," I was told, "and we are satisfied that everything is bona fide."

"The Ministry of Labour help, of course; they do not allow

people into the country without specific reasons, such as business purposes or university training."

This may satisfy the disturbed directors, but any sign of an increase in foreign footballers will be followed by a call for a ban like that imposed on professionals. "Let's keep it all British," these clubs say.

It is high time for action.

A Line At Last On The Respective Merits Of Turpin And Robinson

Says ARCHIE QUICK

At last we have a line on the respective merits of middleweight stars Randolph Turpin, British and European Champion, and "Sugar" Ray Robinson, American and world titleholder. One day these coloubred boys will meet—unless a third one, Australia's Dave Sands, intervenes—and everyone is trying to get some idea of their respective form.

Robinson, supreme as a welter, has to face heavier opposition as a middle. Turpin is a natural one. Anyhow, Billy Brown, Italian-born, but Connecticut-raised and now living in Florida, was the trial horse supplied to Turpin at Birmingham. Brown had gone the distance—ten rounds—with Robinson. Turpin disposed of him in two.

Afterwards Brown said to me: "Turpin hits harder than Robinson but is not so fast." That is probably true.

It is interesting to note that in 3½ months Turpin apart from being taken five rounds by Jean Stock at Leicester—has won three other fights in a total period of 7 minutes 5 seconds.

Here is his lethal record: Van Dam (Holland)—45 secs, Lopez (Spain)—35 secs, Stock (France) 5 rounds, Brown (USA) 5 mins 25 secs. And the first three are champions of their countries!

NOT A LOT OF GLORY

Apart from doing what was required of him, there was not a lot of glory in Turpin's latest quick-time victory, for Brown offered no sort of opposition. In fact his display was farcical. He grinned and held his hands by his sides, backed away continuously and did not land one really solid blow. Turpin was so surprised and perhaps a little wary, that he did not make it another of his first-round knock-outs.

Before the contest he said to me: "I am getting a little fed

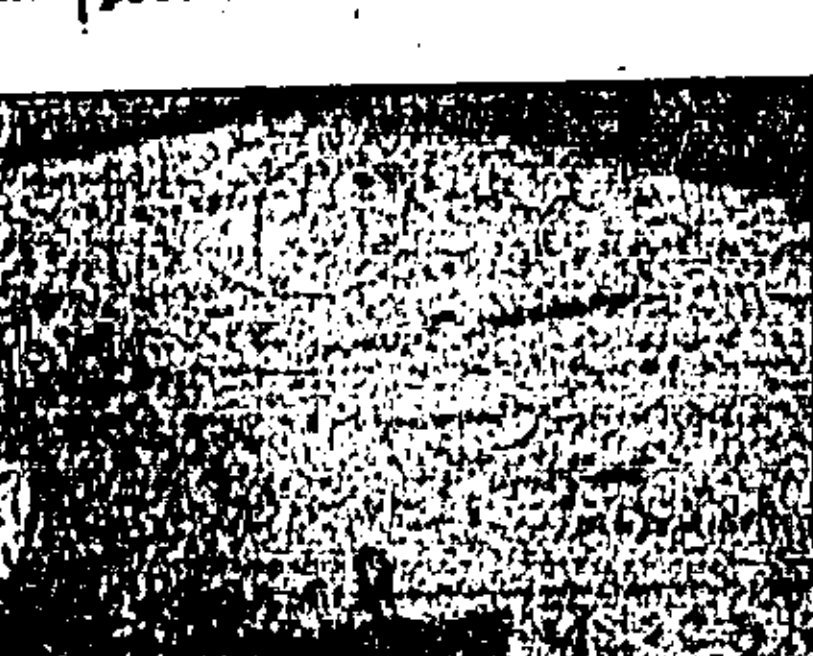
up with all this paper talk about 'we want to see if Turpin can take it before we say he is a real champion.' If an Englishman gets a hiding the critics say he is no good. If he wins quickly they suspect his ability to take punishment."

"What is a chap to do? Do they expect me to go out there and hold my chin out for their benefit? If Brown takes me the distance tonight they will say I am slipping. If I knock him out quickly, up will go the old parrot cry."

Anyhow, once Turpin had tumbled to Brown's incom-

petence in he went and just before the end of the first round pulled his man up in his tracks with a punch to the heart. The end was inevitable in the second round. First a left hook, and then a left and a right to the jaw and Randolph's "gymnasium workout" was over. The Brown grin had faded by then!

Just a mention that England's other bright star, welterweight Terry Ratcliffe of Bristol, scored another of his lightning victories. Although a professional only a year he could be champion tomorrow, if the fact that he is under 21 years of age did not prevent it.



Rugger Results

London, Apr. 23.
The following were the results of rugger games played today:

RUGBY UNION

Devonport Services 3, Plymouth Albion 6.
Peasance and Newlyn 6, Gloucester 8.
Torquay Athletic 3, Newport 15.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Batley 22, Dewsbury 0.
Hallifax 17, Leeds 11.
Hull Kingston Rovers 24, Bradford Northern 8.
Oldham 10, Wigan 2.
Swinton 14, Warrington 20.
Whitehaven 18, Barrow 0.—
Reuter.

Swimming Record

Moscow, Apr. 22.
The Soviet swimmer, Leonid Moschay, claims to have broken his own world 100-metre butterfly breaststroke record, during the preliminary heats of the Soviet swimming championships here yesterday, with a time of 1 min. 42.2 secs.
Moschay holds the world record with a time of 2 min. 09.2 secs. set on April 1, 1949, in the 100-metre butterfly at the Moscow Swimming Stadium.

"EVENS" IS SLOW TIME FOR THE 100 YARDS DASH

Says McDONALD BAILEY

Britain has never before been so well off for first-class sprinters, but let it not be imagined that they are all in the world-beater class. As I see it, they are going to find it mighty hard even to get to the final stages at the Helsinki Olympics next year.

It is twenty-seven years since Britain won an Olympic sprint title. What is the reason? Season after season I watch potential champions come to the fore, shine brightly for a time, then subside almost into obscurity.

There is apparently a self-satisfying feeling amongst some athletes (and this may apply to the athletes of some other countries besides Britain) that once they have broken "evens" there is no need to go faster.

Let me say right now that in this fast-moving world of athletics 10 seconds "dead" is by no means the hall-mark of "class."

In America 10-year-old and 17-year-old high school juniors "knock spots" off "evens," although I grant that weather conditions there are usually very favourable. Even so, I am convinced that some sprinters outside the USA do not realise just how good they themselves could be.

Take the British sprinter Shenton, for instance. Few gave him any sort of chance in the European Games 200 metres, yet some of our last-minute training under the guidance of A.A.A. chief masseur Mick Mays, plus some real "pep" talk, saw Brian Shenton win handsomely.

This "killer" spirit should be drummed into athletes at every opportunity. Sprinters especially should go all out to keep on knocking that odd fraction off their best time.

NOT GOOD ENOUGH

Not so long ago I used to feel flattered if I returned 0.8

seconds for the "100" (yards) or 22 seconds for the furlong, but now, it seems, even these times would not get me a place in open competition.

Lloyd LaBeach, one of the world's fastest sprinters, once said to me: "Every time I get down to the mark I think of nothing but a record."

We may not all be agreed on this outlook, but it certainly helps to illustrate the determined spirit in which LaBeach entered each race.

Records, I have always felt, become almost automatic once you are in "top gear," but you must have that mental urge to "know" you can do it.



London Express Service.

County Cricket Clubs Build For The Future

London, Apr. 22.

Long-term policies, with the stress on team building for the future, are being adopted by many of the English county cricket clubs.

Youth is to be given every encouragement and though few counties hope to win the championship this season, which starts at the end of the month, they think that the experience gained will pay dividends in the near future.

Hampshire, who field one of the youngest teams in the competition last year, are four places higher than in 1949, and they hope to show further improvements.

CHANGE FOR YOUTH

They have a lot of 18-year-olds and under who did well in the minor counties last season, and more than one of these boys may be promoted to the county side.

Leicestershire, whose record since the war has been poor, have embarked on a concentrated drive in search of all-round improvements in play, amateur membership and general support.

The playing staff has been augmented by the special registration of two former Yorkshire players, G. A. Smithson and J. Firth, and a nursery staff is being built up under the guidance of the county coach, W. H. Ashdown, former Kent batsman.

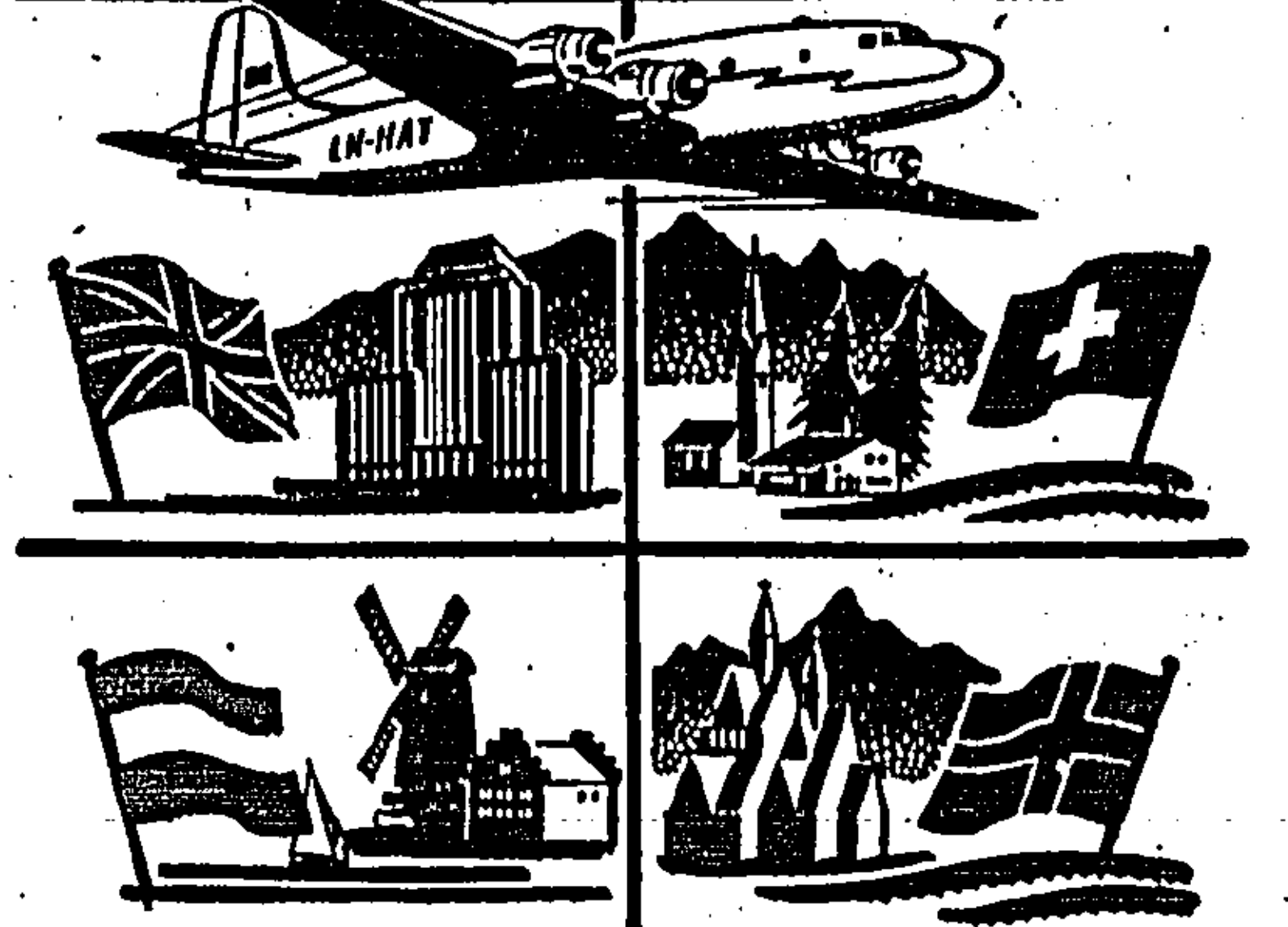
In addition, two Australians are qualifying by residence and will be available for the championship matches in 1952. They are M. A. J. Sargent and O. F. Saunders, who are both 21 and both good batsmen and leg-break bowlers.

GLOUCESTER COLTS

Gloucestershire are running a team called "Gloucestershire Eticeteras" which will consist of promising colts from the winter and spring coaching classes under the guidance of a county player. In this way, it is hoped to discover young players for the county side.

Essex have arranged 50 one-day games for young amateurs and professionals and the young Amateurs Schoolboy XI will contest six inter-county fixtures.

County authorities now realize that an attractive side as well as a winning one brings in the crowds. If through this policy of encouragement youth players are attracted to the county



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Through Tickets (10 Races—£20.00) may be obtained at the Comptroller's Office of the Club, 1st floor, Telephone House, also tickets at £2.00 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on Saturday, 12th May.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE OF THIS MEETING.

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Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season Tickets and gentlemen non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all club dues.

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"BENVENUE"	Liverpool, Dublin & Rotterdam	14th May
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Ordinary Yearly Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-ninth Ordinary

Yearly Meeting of the Mem-

bers of the Company will be

held at the Office of Messrs.

Jardine, Matheson & Co.,

Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong

Kong, on Wednesday, 16th

May, 1951, at 11 a.m. for the

following purposes:—

Special Business

1. To receive and consider a

report from the Directors

on the negotiations with

the Hong Kong Govern-

ment in regard to the

terms of the licence now

offered to the Company.

2. To give a directive to the

Directors on Item No. 1

above.

Ordinary Business

3. To receive and consider

the report of the Directors

and the Statement of

Accounts for the year

ended 31st December,

1950, and the Auditors'

Report thereon.

4. To sanction a dividend in

respect of the year 1950.

5. To elect Directors.

6. To appoint Auditors.

Closing of Transfer Books

Notice is also given that

the Transfer Books and

Register of Members of the

Company will be closed from

3rd May, 1951 to 16th May,

1951, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board

of Directors,

G. B. S. THOMSON,

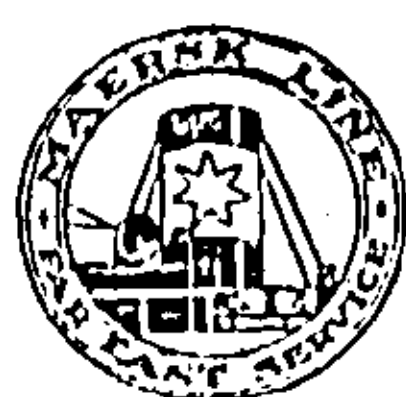
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th April, 1951.

Successful Mopping-Up

Large-scale French mopping-up operations, which were launched three days ago in the Tonkin Delta, developed "satisfactorily" during the

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

ARRIVALS
"LES GLIERES" from Europe 1st MaySAILINGS
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More Rubber
For Civilian
Use In USWashington, Apr. 23.
The Government announced today that civilian rubber supplies will be increased 10 per cent in May. This means that civilian rubber manufacturers will get about 100 per cent of their average monthly supply of rubber in the year 1949-50. Civilian production has been held to the 90 per cent level. Under the order, however, the production of certain civilian items, including passenger car tyres, will be held to 90 per cent of the 1949-50 base level. This means that manufacturers of other civilian products such as truck and tractor tyres, conveyor belts and girdles will get more than 100 per cent of the rubber they used in the 1949-50 base period. In making the announcement, the National Production Authority also indicated that the civilian manufacturing industry will get about the same amount of rubber in June. The agency said that additional allocations are possible because of increased synthetic production plus a little additional natural rubber. United Press.Out Of The Red
At LastOttawa, Apr. 23.
This year, for the first time in its history, Trans-Canada Airlines will operate at an overall profit, the Trade Minister, Mr. C. Howe, predicted today. Mr. Howe told the Parliamentary Committee on Railways and Shipping that the airlines expected increased business in 1951 and "the balance sheet will be in black ink this year." The TCA president, Mr. G. R. McGregor, said the airline expected a larger number of passengers this year, and in 1952 would need more aircraft. United Press.

NY EXCHANGES

New York, Apr. 23.
Foreign exchange:
Britain 42.00% cents
Canada 1.90 1/2
France 20 1/2
Italy 1.00 1/2
Portugal 3.50
Sweden 2.50
Switzerland 2.10
Argentina 7.25
Brazil 11.25
Mexico 30.00
Holland 1.00
Associated Press.

Bank Quotations

New York, Apr. 23.
Closing bank quotations:
Bank of America 100 2 1/2
Bank of Montreal 100 2 1/2
Bank of Toronto 100 2 1/2
Bank of India 100 2 1/2
Bank of China 100 2 1/2
Bank of Japan 100 2 1/2
Bank of Korea 100 2 1/2
Bank of Siam 100 2 1/2
Bank of Ceylon 100 2 1/2
Bank of Persia 100 2 1/2
Bank of Egypt 100 2 1/2
Bank of Greece 100 2 1/2
Bank of Turkey 100 2 1/2
Bank of Iran 100 2 1/2
Bank of Afghanistan 100 2 1/2
Bank of India 100 2 1/2
Bank of China 100 2 1/2
Bank of Japan 100 2 1/2
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Bank of Persia 100 2 1/2
Bank of Egypt 100 2 1/2
Bank of Greece 100 2 1/2
Bank of Turkey 100 2 1/2
Bank of Iran 100 2 1/2
Bank of Afghanistan 100 2 1/2Indian Tyres
For ChinaNew Delhi, Apr. 23.
The British Commerce Minister, Mr. Maitland, told the Parliament today that in 1950 and January 1951, about 12,000 sets of tyres and tubes were exported to China on a commercial basis. Replying to a question, the Minister said the United States Government had not protested against the despatch of tyres to China. Mr. Kestor, deputy Foreign Minister, told the Parliament that an Indo-Pakistan conference to discuss the resumption of rail traffic between the two countries is to be held next month. United Press.Big Drop
On Stock
ExchangeLondon, Apr. 23.
"Nye" Bevan's resignation from the Attlee Cabinet literally wired millions of sterling off the market, dragging down the quotations for Britain's leading industrial shares today in one of the most singular Stock Exchange sessions seen since the end of the war.

Apparently there was fear that Mr. Bevan may mobilise a great mass of public resentment, already incensed by the rising cost of living, and there is no telling what may happen politically and even economically.

Hence the rush to get out of "blue chip" shares purchased last week at peak prices. Light selling touched off by the split in the Labour Party led to widespread small losses.

Many operators steered clear of the market because of the chance that the Party row will bring on a new national election in the near future. British Government bonds were irregular. Few sections of the industrial list escaped minus signs.

The Financial Times' Daily Index was 130.9. United Press.

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, Apr. 23.
Gains and losses were about even today in a slowing stock market. Price changes were narrow.

The market shook off an early tendency toward the downside but never did get enough steam up to move decisively in either direction.

Aircraft stocks held a steady pace and at one time Douglas was up as much as \$3. Traders were cautious as they weighed the pros and cons of reported new Communist Spring offensive moves in Korea and the possible effects of an industry control plan, expected this week.

U.S. Steel moved from a slight loss to an equally small gain then settled back to its previous closing price. This was similar to the reaction of many issues.

Chrysler moved ahead a little but General Motors and Studebaker lagged below previous closing figures.

Rails were mixed and traders watched them closely for some sign of a definite trend, bearing in mind it was these stocks that have led the market both upward and downward in recent months.

New York Central, Baltimore and Ohio and Southern Pacific advanced while Santa Fe, Southern Railway and Union Pacific were among the declines.

Aircraft continued the strength they showed right from the opening with Douglas retaining \$1 advance and Boeing, United Aircraft and Lockheed ahead lesser amounts.

Other gainers included American Telephone, Westinghouse, General Electric and Phelps Dodge. Losers included Sinclair Oil, Texas Company, Johns-Manville, and Kennecott Copper.

Dow Jones Averages:
Stocks 93.22
20 Industrials 255.12
15 Railroads 82.65
10 Utilities 42.38
Associated Press.

Copra Price Down

New York, Apr. 23.
Copra was sold at \$225 per short ton, C.I.F. the Pacific Coast, down \$10 from Friday's level. Coconut oil was offered at 17-1/2 cents a pound, F.O.B. mills, down 1/2 cent from Friday's offering price. United Press.

New Tariff Pact

Wellington, Apr. 23.
Mr. Charles Bowden, Minister of Customs, said here tonight that New Zealand had completed tariff negotiations with Western Germany, Turkey and the Philippines. Details would be released next month. Reuter.

U.S. TREASURY

Washington, Apr. 23.
Treasury today announced that it had received from the Government of India a loan of \$100 million for the purpose of financing the Indian Government's budget for 1951-52. United Press.Gold, Dollars And
Defence: A Reversal
Of General Trend

POSITION OF STERLING AREA

(By John Kingsley)

London, Apr. 23.

Gold, as many events have shown in recent years, is still a potent and necessary factor in international trade. Though currency clearing, trade and other agreements between countries or groups of countries have brought economies in its movement, it is still needed to settle balances.

Because of her outstanding economic position, the U.S.A. until recently attracted gold and her holdings rose persistently to fresh record levels. Dollars were as scarce as gold.

Recently this general trend has been reversed — gold has been flowing back to many countries; dollars have become more plentiful. Economic recovery in the non-dollar world and high raw material prices are the two main causes for the change.

This reversal has been particularly noticeable in the group of countries making up what is known as the Sterling Area. Today, after a long struggle to achieve economic stability, their greatest problem is more that of securing supplies of raw materials than of acquiring more gold and dollars.

The change dates from the devaluation of sterling in September, 1949. Following an almost persistent decline for some three years, pooled reserves have increased steadily since devaluation. During the first quarter of this year, for instance, an increase of \$458 millions raised the total to \$3,758 millions, or almost three times the pre-devaluation level of \$1,340 millions.

Four major factors have brought about the closure of what is known as the "dollar gap". First, devaluation of sterling improved the competitive position of Britain and other Sterling Area members in world markets. Secondly, the British export drive, particularly the part devoted to dollar countries, together with stringent economies in dollar imports by all members, have been very successful. Thirdly, becoming raw material prices which have followed rearmament have brought much higher earnings to the members producing rubber, tin, wool, copper, jade and other commodities. Fourthly, Britain and other members have been much more economical in their use of dollars. A valuable contributory factor has been the dollars which Britain received as a participant, up to the end of 1950, in Marshall Aid.

THE OUTLOOK
On the evidence of the first quarter of 1951 results and present known facts it appears possible that the pooled gold and dollar resources will continue to increase, for some months, anyhow. Looking, however, ahead to the end of 1951 and the last two years of Britain's three-year rearmament programme, it is possible that, at the best, they will become stabilised, or, at the worst, they will begin to run down again. For one thing, rearmament calls for increased dollar purchases by the Sterling Area. For another, the steep rise in import prices which has taken place recently has not by any means been covered, as yet, by higher export prices for manufactured goods. Finally, now that Britain is no longer a recipient, Marshall Aid will provide only some further \$9 million dollars in respect of aid in the "pipeline" at the end of 1950.

So far as Britain is concerned, it is already clear that her overseas trade position this year will be much less favourable than in 1950, when, according to preliminary estimates, there was a net surplus of \$229 millions. The utmost economy in imports and the maximum expansion in exports will be necessary to achieve even an overall balance, without, moreover, taking account of commodity purchases for stock-piling. The latter can be reckoned in existing circumstances, be looked on as a reasonable charge to gold reserves, or, in effect, the exchange of one asset for another.

On the actual dollar side Britain has certainly improved her position since devaluation. It is estimated that the adverse balance on current account with U.S.A., Canada and other dollar countries was only \$310 millions in 1950 against \$1,117 millions in 1949. Allowing for capital transactions the United Kingdom's dollar position was reduced to only \$6 millions compared with \$1,123 millions in 1949. It would appear that there was also a deficit in the first quarter of this year.

NOT WORRYING
Much higher dollar earnings by other members of the Area have played an important part in the better trend of the reserves. Last year, for instance, it is estimated that their net surplus was \$778 millions, of which no less than \$435 millions was carried by the British dependent territories. And \$201 millions came from the purchase of gold in the United States. In 1949, these same sterling countries (that is, all except the United Kingdom) had a net surplus of \$1,117 millions.

The British attitude to the future is that so long as all levels of dollar exports, and so long as dollar expenditure is kept to essentials, the prospect of the gold and dollar reserves ceasing to grow or even declining somewhat need give no cause for worry. The sacrifice of further additions to the reserves is part of the price which has to be paid for greater security. The Sterling Area is in a stronger position than for many years to meet this sacrifice, which can still be kept within reasonable bounds.

Unique US
Offer To
BusinessmenWashington, Apr. 23.
The United States Government has offered to insure American businessmen against losses caused by the seizure of property by foreign governments.

The plan, which is sponsored by the Economic Co-operation Administration, is to encourage Americans to invest to build up friendly nations.

The guarantee against loss was broad enough to cover a taking of property by totalitarian governments which may come to power in any Marshall Plan country by revolution or military conquest. The ECA said in an announcement yesterday.

But it did not cover war damage or business risks. The ECA said it was probably the first time in history that the United States, or any country, had adopted such a policy. Congress had provided for it in amendments to the ECA Act. Reuter.

Grain Prices
In ChicagoChicago, Apr. 23.
Prices of grain futures closed here today as follows:
Wheat—price per bushel:
Spot 2.40
May 2.40 1/2-2.40
July 2.45 1/2-2.45
September 2.50
December 2.53 1/2
Corn
Spot 1.22
May 1.21 1/2-1.22
July 1.24 1/2-1.24
September 1.27 1/2-1.27
December 1.30 1/2-1.30
New York, Apr. 23.
\$10.30. United Press.New York Sugar
FuturesNew York, Apr. 23.
Domestic sugar futures No. 6 closed unchanged to four cents. Sales were 133 contracts.
July 5.55
September 5.55 bid
November 5.55 bid
World futures No. 4 closed unchanged to six higher with sales of 44 contracts.
May 5.52 nominal
July 5.54
September 5.54 nominal
March 5.50 nominal
New York, Apr. 23.
\$10.30. United Press.COTTON TEXTILE
MARKETNew York, Apr. 23.
The cotton textile market was quiet today. Both mills and buyers awaited the issuance of new pricing regulations later this week.
The wool goods market was quiet. Private cotton sold the wool market was firm at 20-21 cents. United Press.HONGKONG
SHARE
MARKET

Business on the Hongkong Stock Exchange showed some improvement this morning, transactions during the morning session being valued at \$404,912.50. Noon prices:-

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HONGKONG BANK 1400 50 @ 1400
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Union 740 745 50 @ 750
50 @ 745
SHIPPING
Asia Nav. 1.05 1500 @ 1.05
500 @ 1.05DOCKS, ETC.
N. Pt. Wharf 5.10
Dock KD 2.35
Shal Dock 500 @ 2.35
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STOCKS, ETC.
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COTTONS
Exo 2.50RALLY IN
NY COTTON
MARKETNew York, Apr. 23.
The market opened unchanged to off 1 point, then rallied to net gains of 9 to 10 points, and closed to up 5 points.Closing prices:-
Spot 46.06
May 45.39
July 45.06
October 45.06
March (1952) 39.14
May 38.97
July 38.74 nominal
United Press.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

New Orleans, Apr. 23.
Closing price:
Spot 44.91
May 44.91
July 44.91
October 44.91
March (1952) 39.14
May 38.97
July 38.74 nominal
United Press.THE RUBBER
MARKETSLondon, Apr. 23.
Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:-
Number 1 rubber, in cents per lb.:
May 55-1/2-56-3/4
June 55-1/2-56-1/4
July 55-1/2-56-1/4
October/December 51-3/4-52-1/4
United Press.

SINGAPORE MARKET

Singapore, Apr. 23.
Prices of rubber futures closed here today as follows:
Number 1 rubber, in cents per lb.:
April 191-102
May 185-1/2-189-1/2
June 186-1/2-187-1/2
Number 2 rubber, in cents per lb.:
April 184-185
Number 3 rubber, in cents per lb.:
April 179-181
Number 4 rubber, in cents per lb.:
April 173-175
Spot rubber, in cents per lb.:
unbleached 180-184
black crepe 185-187
No. 1 pale crepe 200-210
United Press.LONDON TIN
MARKETLondon, Apr. 23.
The tin market was steady today. Turnover was 55 tons, including 10 tons for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:-
Spot tin, buyers 1,180
Spot tin, sellers 1,183
Business done at 1,180
Three-months tin 1,180
Buyers 1,180
Sellers 1,180
Dishpan done at 1,180-1,180
Settlement 1,180
United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local official exchange market this morning. The following rates were obtained for the exchange of U.S. dollars for Hong Kong dollars:
U.S. dollars 100 = 10.30 Hong Kong dollars
United Press.R.I.L.
ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINESSINGAPORE JAVA
PORT and
MACASSAR
ARRIVALS SAILINGS
"TITJALENGKA" 29th Apr. 1st May
"TASMAN" 3rd May 17th May
"TJIWANGI" 11th May
"VAN HEUTSZ" 21st MayMANILA, EAST &
SOUTH AFRICA and
SOUTH AMERICA
ARRIVALS SAILINGS
"TEGELBERG" 8th May 18th May
"TJIKAMPEK" 17th May
"RUYS" 14th May Early JulyJAPAN
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"TASMAN" 11th May 18th May
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"TJIKAMPEK" 30th May 22nd May
"RUYS" 21st May

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